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27) [126066] What I did today...
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28) [126067] OT: I had a great day...
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29) [126068] Re: Paper Work Reduction Act - My ass!orry it's off subject! But
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by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

30) [126069] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
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31) [126070] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
by "blinn" <blinn@smgazette.com>

32) [126071] Re: Very Stable 10MHz VFO
by Chuck Adams <k7qo@earthlink.net>

33) [126072] W8KC - What I did last night, yes it's QRP!!!
by Paul Valko <w8kc@comcast.net>

34) [126073] Re: From AF2Q
by IamSF5@aol.com

35) [126074] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
by David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>

36) [126075] Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
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by w4clm.ham@juno.com

37) [126076] RE: 30m DX
by "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>

38) [126077] RE: Very Stable 10MHz VFO
by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@earthlink.net>

39) [126078] AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by bob evinger <wd9eka@evinger.com>

40) [126079] Paperwork Reduction Project - My Ass !
by w4clm.ham@juno.com

41) [126080] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....

by w4clm.ham@juno.com

42) [126081] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>

43) [126082] RE: AM radio query
by Howard Rubin <hrubin1970@comcast.net>

44) [126083] Re: Paper Work Reduction Act - My ass!orry it's off subject! But
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by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>

45) [126084] Re: NE602
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>

46) [126085] re taking ham exams
by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>

47) [126086] Re: AM radio query
by "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>

48) [126087] re new licensee's
by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>

49) [126088] Re: re taking ham exams
by John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>

50) [126089] Computer control of my 817
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

51) [126090] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
by "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>

52) [126091] Re: Message from W4RT
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>

53) [126092] Re: re taking ham exams
by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>

54) [126093] Transmatch Question
by Mercxx@aol.com

55) [126094] extra lite ???????
by Bill ROWLETT <kc4atu@yahoo.com>

56) [126095] Re: I had a great day...
by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>

57) [126096] Re: re taking ham exams
by "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@rcn.com>

58) [126097] Re: re learning CW
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

59) [126098] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

60) [126099] WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>

61) [126100] Re: re learning CW
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>

62) [126101] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
by Roy <marion@montana.com>

63) [126102] Lite / Heavy and Q-pools
by BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>

64) [126103] Counties - Round #8

by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
65) [126104] Re: Very Stable 10MHz VFO - birdies
by n5ib@juno.com
66) [126105] Re: re taking ham exams
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
67) [126106] Re: extra lite ???????
by "KD3PC" <kd3pc@mindspring.com>
68) [126107] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
by w4clm.ham@juno.com
69) [126108] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by w4clm.ham@juno.com
70) [126109] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
by "J. Duffy Beischel" <duffy01@fuse.net>
71) [126110] Re: re new licensee's
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
72) [126111] Re: re taking ham exams
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
73) [126112] My Latest Project (was re: plea)
by W2EB <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>
74) [126113] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
75) [126114] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
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by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
76) [126115] test do not read
by "Dave Martin" <nb7n@seanet.com>
77) [126116] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
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by w4clm.ham@juno.com
78) [126117] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
by Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
79) [126118] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
80) [126119] Apology for my rude comment (re: It's Official or whatever)
by "Mike Lyness, AF4LQ" <olyellr@iglou.com>
81) [126120] [Fwd: feeling Cheated,no]
by bob evinger <wd9eka@evinger.com>
82) [126121] AM radio Query
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
83) [126122] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
84) [126123] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
85) [126124] My Latest Project
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>

86) [126125] Re: 2n2-40
by "Oleg V. Borodin" <master72@lipetsk.ru>
87) [126126] Re: 2n2-40
by John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
88) [126127] ARS Spartan Sprint is Monday
by Richard Fisher <ki6sn@yahoo.com>
89) [126128] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
90) [126129] ARRL Handbooks For Sale - 1978, 79, 86
by Jim Larsen - AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
91) [126130] Technical Books For Sale
by Jim Larsen - AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
92) [126131] re cb lingo on ham bands
by ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
93) [126132] More shack cleaning
by BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>
94) [126133] Good Ol' Factory Trouble Shootin'
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
95) [126134] Mr. Bash & taking ham exams
by "Karl Kanalz" <kkanalz@gcecispc.com>
96) [126135] My Latest Project
by "Tom Curtola" <tcurtola@rogers.com>
97) [126136] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
98) [126137] RE: Plea!
by "Dan Reynolds" <bcdlr@insightbb.com>
99) [126138] Re: Mr. Bash & taking ham exams
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
100) [126139] Exams Through the Years
by Jim Campbell <jim-c@nc.rr.com>
101) [126140] Re: extra lite ???????
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
102) [126141] Re: My Latest Project
by "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
103) [126142] Autek Keyer FS
by "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fddt.net>
104) [126143] Re: extra lite ???????
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
105) [126144] Speaking of...
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
106) [126145] Re: My Latest Project (was re: plea)
by David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
107) [126146] Re: Exams Through the Years (Long)
by George Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
108) [126147] Re: Exams Through the Years
by George Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
109) [126148] Re: EXTRA LIGHT and related posts....
by "Alan Kaul" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>

- 110) [126149] Re: [My Latest Project]
by "P.Ermisch" <ermisch@usa.net>
- 111) [126150] Re: extra lite ???????
by Jeff Stai WK6I <wk6i@twistedoak.com>
- 112) [126151] Re: EXTRA LIGHT and related posts....
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
- 113) [126152] Question
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
- 114) [126153] Re: Question
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
- 115) [126154] TINY-TORNADO Micro-Transceiver Kits - FINAL CALL
by "Brice D. Hornback" <bdh@cyberbound.net>
- 116) [126155] RE: My Latest Project (was re: plea)
by "Ray Goff" <radioham@gmx.co.uk>
- 117) [126156] Ten Tec 1340 (unbuilt) fs
by "Rich Dailey, KA80KH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
- 118) [126157] Extra Crispy
by John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
- 119) [126158] Re: Extra Crispy
by W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
- 120) [126159] Re: Extra Crispy
by JD <w1jd@drix.net>
- 121) [126160] =?iso-8859-1?Q?KN5TX_=96__QSLs_for_QRPTTF_2002?=
by Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@9plus.net>
- 122) [126161] RE: Plea!--I've gone power mad!!
by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
- 123) [126162] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
by w4clm.ham@juno.com
- 124) [126163] Re: Plea!--I've gone power mad!!
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
- 125) [126164] re: ten tec 1340 - sold
by "Rich Dailey, KA80KH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
- 126) [126165] Dayton/FDIM - Stuff to bring
by "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>
- 127) [126166] Microphone FS
by "Mike Duke, K5XU" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
- 128) [126167] FS Heath HD-1410 Keyer
by "Mike Duke, K5XU" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
- 129) [126168] Some do not care how fast you are
by "KU4YP" <ku4yp@earthlink.net>

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 16:12:07 -0700
From: Dave Pomeroy <dave@dpomeroy.com>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126040] 2n2-40
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020504161008.00a0a050@mail.dpomeroy.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Gang,

I'm working on my 2n2-40. Have the vfo done and its a little weak on output. Measures 1 1/4 volts PEP. I think I need about 3 volts PEP. anyway I'm having fun. I also am starting on the Progressive receiver. I'll keep you posted. Sure looks like a good thing to have an all homebrew station.

Dave Pomeroy K7DNP South Eastern Washington

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 16:38:34 -0700

From: "Dave Martin" <nb7n@seanet.com>

To: "qrp-l" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [126041] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL: polemic, so hit your delete key now

Message-ID: <000301c1f3c4\$d038af80\$5ca32640@davemartin>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Let me see: Thats C double U? God haow I jus love those easy tests.

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 19:32:27 -0400

From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [126042] Re: Plea!!

Message-ID: <20020504.195233.8974.1.kc8aon@juno.com>

Gang,

Ed is right ! Lets all get back to QRP and let this ole dog die ! As for my home brewing lately, I've built a home brew 6V6 tube transmitter similar to the old Ameco AC1 that was sold in the late 50's. I used a different rectifier tube than the AC1 used, and I added a transmit / receive relay. It has 2 coax fittings on the rear of the chassis, one for the antenna and one for the receiver antenna connection. When you activate the transmit switch (YES, "NO" BREAK IN), the antenna is switched from the receiver to the transmitter via the relay, and the receiver antenna terminal is shorted to ground to eliminate front end overload. The transmitter does a little over 4 watts out, and is crystal

controlled of course. I only have a hand full of crystals at this point, but if anyone has a 7.040 they would like to donate to the cause, it won't be turned down ! The receiver that I use with this is an old military GRC-109 that is tunable from 2 to 24 Mhz. The RX is a bit broad banded for this day and age, but I picked up an old MFJ CWF-2 cw filter the other day at a ham fest for 5 bucks and it really makes the thing a joy to use ! I also have the matching transmitter for the GRC-109, but it is not QRP at 15 watts out. The GRC-109 TX is also crystal controlled, it has it's own built in straight key, and loading is done by tuning for maximum brightness in 3 panel lamps. The GRC-109 was originally designed for use by the US Special forces and the CIA, and was later adopted for use by the US Army. It sue is fun to operate a real "Spy Radio" !

Come on folks, let us know what you're doing and make it interesting !

Rick McKee, KC8AON

Willow Wood, Ohio

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 19:57:02 -0400

From: hamjoel@juno.com

To: fpqrp-1@mpna.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [126043] Dayton.... FDIM

Message-ID: <20020504.195703.-147751.0.hamjoel@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

HIGH Y'ALL

I'm thinking... how's u like ur name in QQ?

I'm thinking of putting up a page on our door what says, I was at fdim 2002

and folk can put their call, name, state on the page.... don't be a "hole and fill the whole page with ur name and call now....

I'll photo copy the page, pages and pass them on to the editor to put some where in the QQ....

heck I'll send him the pages and let him photocopy.... :-)

anyhow I'll be doing a cajun view of fdim for the QQ so u guys,

gals.... talk to me, sign the "ah ban thair" paper and look for ur name
etc in the quarterly....

always open to suggestions....

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oo shrink

oo poet low rate

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 19:59:18 +0100

From: "Walt Amos" <k8cv@netzero.net>

To: <tfeeny@comcast.net>

Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [126044] Re: warranty

Message-ID: <007401c1f39d\$cbe3bf00\$71ee5aa6@waltamos>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="Windows-1252"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Tom Feeny" <tfeeny@comcast.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 19:57

Subject: warranty

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> the case to install filters - either myself or

> having someone (W4RT) do it will void the

> warranty which concerns me.

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> Any insight/experience that someone had
> would be appreciated.
>
> regards, Tom, W8K0X
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Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 20:06:39 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: kc8aon@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126045] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <3CD4778F.8E878EF7@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rick thats amazing I was going to post to see if anyone on the group had ever homebrewed a clone for the ameco, I am in the process of building one myself about 1/2 done right now parts are getting hard to come by though
73 ken w8ob

Rick McKee wrote:

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 20:06:54 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <k8cv@netzero.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126046] Re: warranty
Message-ID: <004001c1f3c8\$c56f50a0\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hmm... I don't see how they can void a warrantee for opening the case.
Even RS couldn't do that for opening the TRS-80s up. Well, for JUST
opening them. Oh, you'd loose the 'flat rate' or the 'swap' on the PCB
if they caught you, but that was the most they could enforce.

Unless there were changes. Or, user parts.

And that can be the gotcha...

So, if the 817 fails, just pull the parts before you send it in. And if
the

parts you had added were 'soldered' in, or otherwise 'modified' into the boards, well.... Then they got you.

The problem is if there are things 'modified' into the board, then the tech would have to deal with them too. And if he's a board swapper, he can't even do that if you have something in there permanently attached that has to be 'unsoldered'.

But even if he was a great guy, and understanding of the situation, I know of NO tech that would take a customer unit, remove an installed mod, swap out the board, and install the mod on the NEW board. That is, without being fearful of his job!

I don't know, how DO these filters and other mods install in an 817? Are they 'plug in' or on? It's just that you have to seriously disassemble the unit to get at them? Or are they 'cut and jump' into place?

Mike

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 2:59 PM

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> > having someone (W4RT) do it will void the

> > warranty which concerns me.
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> > Any insight/experience that someone had
> > would be appreciated.
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> > regards, Tom, W8K0X
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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 20:27:32 +0100
From: "Walt Amos" <k8cv@netzero.net>
To: "qrp-l Messages" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126047] I fixed something
Message-ID: <00c401c1f3a1\$bd9000e0\$71ee5aa6@waltamos>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Aren't you thrilled :-) I fixed the display on my TS-50. I didn't fix the problem but did reduce the voltage on the base of Q-1 and thereby turn it on and the associate lamps of the display. The real problem is probably the EN leat to IC 2 but that is buried on the other side of the display board. At least the rig is usable again now.

Oh, I run it at 5 watts not 10 buy truning down the fly spec pot inside !

Walt

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 18:48:50 -0600
From: "John A. Evans - N0HJ" <jaevans@codenet.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126048] what I did today
Message-ID: <3CD48171.B5098B6E@codenet.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings,

I've been working on stripping and re-staining my siding, I played some with my daughter in the yard after I fixed her swing, I kissed my wife, I drove a little to run some errands, and I practiced my mandolin - I didn't do one thing related to ham radio. You see, I have a life besides ham radio, besides work, and besides the discussions on this list - I suggest everyone here do the same.

72 - john - n0hj - who will spend some time on QRP when it suits him

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 17:49:54 -0700
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <edkess@pa.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126049] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <010801c1f3cf\$0c5c7410\$b57879a5@tjnotebook>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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73's Trev KG6CYN

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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 2:14 PM
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> can reasonably handle about 35 wpm and passed the tests before the
> revision. Come back to my CQ at 35 wpm and I'll try to keep up with
> you. Come back to my CQ at 10 wpm or 5 wpm, or even . . . 2 wpm . . . and
> I'll reply at that speed and be grateful that someone is brave enough to
> attempt to beat the learning curve and join the group.

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> 73

> Ed AA3SJ

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:11:25 -0400
From: "Vincent A. Santis" <vsantis@earthlink.net>
To: "QRP List (E-mail)" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126050] RE: Plea!!
Message-ID: <01C1F3B0.54F7BC80.vsantis@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

I write this in response to the plea to get back on topic. I'm legally

blind and somewhat old (68) and legally blind. I have just figured out how to build simple PCB projects and hope this will encourage someone else.

I use what is commonly called a CCTV, nothing more than a closed circuit camera and display combined into a single unit, its principle purpose is to aid in reading, since it can magnify up to 60X. By placing the PCB in a clamp on the CCTV XY table the board can be magnified.. Using an Isotip to avoid the problem of cords and a constantly hot iron it works well on boards that are not too populated.

I have just finished a TT2 an excellent project to train on. Unfortunately the TT2 doesn't make any noise. The problem is not in solder joints they are all good, I think the issue is either in toroid winding or I cooked one of the transistors with too much heat. I've ordered another one to see if I can get it right this time, in the meantime I'll continue to troubleshoot this one and hopefully will find the problem and learn something.

I trust this is on topic and encourages someone else to give it a whirl.

BTW, I'm a new edextra Sept of 2001

73

Vince Santis, N1VS
Winsted, CT
NEQRP # 598
PRP-L # 2372
FISTS# 8053
CC # 1161

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 18:16:08 -0700
From: "Ian Wilson" <ianmwilson@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126051] Confessions of an extra-lite
Message-ID: <000801c1f3d2\$70678a00\$0b02a8c0@0020115492>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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I've been interested in electronics and amateur radio since I was a kid. Somehow, I never quite had time

to do anything about it until a friend pushed us into getting Tech licenses so we could communicate in the desert using 2m. I took the General paper at the same time because I'd done the work for it by then.

This (re)fired an interest long dormant. My wife and I took the 5wpm Morse test. Seems trivial now, but a year ago it was a big deal. I took the Extra paper along with the Morse test since there was enough electronics in it for it to be interesting. Since then I've spent countless hours pursuing radio-related interests: many antenna experiments and models, interesting QSOs in various analog and other modes, building a portable rig so I can have a QSO from the local wilderness. These are all fun things to do. Would I do less if I didn't have an 'Extra-Lite' license? Probably not. Would I do less if I was still at Tech+? Probably.

I find CW interesting although it doesn't come easy to a 50-year old with normally poor coordination. I can struggle at about 13wpm but am happier at 10. This doesn't stop me from having a regular CW sked, taking part in a local slow CW net, and putting in some listening time when I have a few minutes. I'd like to think I can get up to 20wpm since that seems like a more conversational data rate.

I enjoy this hobby and would like to think that I can help others along now and again. Thanks to all those who have helped me along in the past year or two.

--ian, k3imw/6 (an Extra-Lite)

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 21:19:23 -0400
From: Harry Hurst <wa3ptg@comcast.net>
To: kc8aon@juno.com,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126052] RE: Plea!!
Message-ID: <HIEKL00DELDPNBOHKICHIEFLCBAA.wa3ptg@comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Ok, back to QRP.

Recently finished a 40 meter superhet that is better than any of my other efforts. It's actually sensitive and selective! I'll be using it with my not-yet-finished "Novice Special." Right now its teamed up with a .5 watt Super-VXO transmitter. The transmitter uses an NE602, 4 PN2222a, and a 2N2219A final. It covers 7024-7050 KHz using 11.04 & 4.0 MHz. crystals.

This afternoon I put up a low dipole and had a QSO (first one this year) with a fellow in Galena, Md. Pretty tame, I know, but scratch built made it a lot of fun.

In addition to the Novice Special, I'm beginning a 30 meter transceiver. With all the contests going on tonight on 40, I could use this radio right away.

72

Hap, WA3PTG
Wilmington DE

originally designed for use by the US Special forces and the CIA, and was later adopted for use by the US Army. It sue is fun to operate a real "Spy Radio" !

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Rick McKee, KC8AON
Willow Wood, Ohio
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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 18:24:34 -0700
From: "Dave Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126053] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <008001c1f3d3\$9d85df90\$0200a8c0@AD6A>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have been building a new microwave (QRP) setup for 10 and 24GHz. I tried my hand at brazing aluminum - I needed to weld a thick walled tube to a plate so that I could mount my nice 3' offset dish on my new tripod.

I tried some of that HTS-2000 stuff. It was real easy to use, just like soldering, and the joint seems to be very strong indeed. Does anyone else have any experience using this stuff?

Next I have to build a dual-band feed and get it setup at the focal point. Fun, fun, fun!

Cheers es 72,
Dave F.
AD6A

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 17:30:23 -0800
From: Jim Larsen - AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126054] Re: Plea!!to change subject lines.
Message-ID: <3CD48B2F.B82D5AE5@ARRL.NET>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good posts under this title although the title tells me nothing. Feel free to change the Subject line to something that draws attention to help us rapid-fire deleters from canning your message with out a good read.

Thanks.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West
mailto:al7fs@arrl.net - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 21:36:32 -0400
From: Ed Kessler <edkess@pa.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126055] Very Stable 10MHz VFO
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20020504212655.009e9ec0@mail.pa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Good Evening,

Well, since I started this "back to what we're building" thread, I thought I ought to post a note about what I've been up to. Hi.

I've been playing around with the low noise oscillator circuit designed by K7HFD, printed in Solid State Design on page 126. This is a 10MHz VFO with output at +17dBm. It is amazingly simple (few parts count) and very stable. There is no noticeable drift to my ears even at power up. I haven't checked the drift on a counter yet.

This makes a nice VFO to experiment with high level mixers. I have some LRMS-1 level 17 mixers in my junk box that I removed from some boards which were given to me. They are surface mount devices and very small.

Presently, I've been listening to 30 meters and WWV at 10MHz with a minimal DC receiver I built using the LRMS-1s. The high level of dynamic range is great. Usually, on 30 meters with a minimal DC receiver there is a lot of SW broadcast breakthrough. However, that is hardly noticeable with this setup. I'm also using a double-tuned bandpass filter with sharp skirts at the receiver's input which can't hurt.

I'm thinking of using the VFO in a more permanent arrangement to build a 20 meter superhet. We'll see.

Have fun building.

73

Ed AA3SJ

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 18:42:50 -0700
From: "johngabbard" <johngabbard@usintouch.com>
To: <kc8aon@juno.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126056] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <00f101c1f3d6\$2b2f5e00\$26861c0c@juanita>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Reading Ricks post about letting this old dog die, reminded me of a situation i found myself in about a month ago...I had just finished a tick 1 keyer and i used the little piezo speaker on the outside of an altoids tin no less...after completing it and using same to key my century 21 for about 2 weeks, my XYL said the noise from the speaker was keeping my beloved K-9 awake and he was having trouble with his beauty rest...wanting to remain on good terms with my best friend...I put a switch in the speaker lead...now everyone is happy ...one day i was watching my dog Sugar and his right paw was tapping out what appeared morse code while he gazed into the distance (just like a good cw op would do)....you know?...it only took him 2 weeks to pick up about 2 wpm...What do you think of that? do you believe it? nah,...well, if you dont believe that...I found the keys to the car hidden under his doggy blanket!!...Airborne, all the way!72 john...kf7om

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rick McKee" <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 4:32 PM
Subject: Re: Plea!!

> Gang,

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> Ed is right ! Lets all get back to QRP and let this ole dog die ! As
> for my home brewing lately, I've built a home brew 6V6 tube transmitter
> similar to the old Ameco AC1 that was sold in the late 50's. I used a
> different rectifier tube than the AC1 used, and I added a transmit /
> receive relay. It has 2 coax fittings on the rear of the chassis, one
> for the antenna and one for the receiver antenna connection. When you
> activate the transmit switch (YES, "NO" BREAK IN), the antenna is
> switched from the receiver to the transmitter via the relay, and the
> receiver antenna terminal is shorted to ground to eliminate front end
> overload. The transmitter does a little over 4 watts out, and is crystal
> controlled of course. I only have a hand full of crystals at this point,
> but if anyone has a 7.040 they would like to donate to the cause, it

> won't be turned down ! The receiver that I use with this is an old
> military GRC-109 that is tunable from 2 to 24 Mhz. The RX is a bit
> broad banded for this day and age, but I picked up an old MFJ CWF-2 cw
> filter the other day at a ham fest for 5 bucks and it really makes the
> thing a joy to use ! I also have the matching transmitter for the
> GRC-109, but it is not QRP at 15 watts out. The GRC-109 TX is also
> crystal controlled, it has it's own built in straight key, and loading is
> done by tuning for maximum brightness in 3 panel lamps. The GRC-109 was
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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:46:38 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <fxtech@earthlink.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126057] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <003101c1f3d6\$c7a1b8a0\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This may or may not be relevant to you...

I've used a PC to interface to radios. I've done 8255 cards that go on the parallel port and interfaced them to all KINDS of things. Like an ICOM 22S, or a Ramsey 2M radio. (Or in one case, a multi-8255 card that allowed me to plug in 'rom cards' to read them.... But let's not go into that!)

Anyway, I still use a PC with Windows to interface to various devices.

What I've found is that when ANY application talks to a parallel or serial port, it can still work from a legacy standpoint. However WIN doesn't know how to release the port. If you run windows applications, they can grab the port and release it just fine. But when you run older legacy applications that talk to the port as if it were in DOS, WIN will let the application talk if the port is free, but it doesn't know when you STOP talking. As a result, the only way to free the port is to CLOSE DOWN the window that was running the application that talked to the port.

Now you can get in a whammy from this if you already tried to talk to the port from another window and the system thought the port wasn't ready.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 8:49 PM

Subject: Re: Plea!!

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Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 21:55:48 -0400
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126058] AM radio query
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20020504212619.00a7c6f0@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I dislike to interrupt this exchange about extras etc.....:-) :-) :-)
I was curious about building up a high quality AM radio and searched the
web a bit with few satisfactory
hits. Any body know of a source for such goodies? I was thinking about an
air variable tuning capacitor
and real IF transformers....not the one chip toy radios A kit would be cool.
Any sources appreciated.
I hope many enjoyed the Ky Derby
73 to all
Pete NV4V Ky
Norton I/O

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 22:00:22 -0400
From: Kenneth Hoglund <hoglund@wfu.edu>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126059] [OP] Think I did It!
Message-ID: <3CD49236.798D6B66@wfu.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang---

For the last two nights I've been playing with the new rig---a
"preowned" White Mountain 20m transceiver. What a nice piece of design!

Tonight thought I'd see what I can do and worked most of the New
England states for the NE QSO party. Didn't hear any qrp'rs though.

Then I heard LY1DR calling "cq". Why not? So I responded--once, twice,
then "KG station come again." After 3 passes we did it. I worked

Lithuania on what is hardly 1 watt, ssb no less.

Beats hitting the delete key! Thanks to Dave of SWL fame for a very sweet rig; and thanks to Ronnie for selling it---he was right; this will be a favorite.

73,

Ken KG4FGC

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 22:50:48 -0400
From: Alex <kr1st@amsat.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126060] Senior moments Was: Code speed & extra
Message-ID: <3CD49E08.BC5A41E5@amsat.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In my early 20s I spent a lot of time teaching a senior accountant basic computer skills. I then spent countless hours with him setting up a large accounting system. I never lost my patience nor my respect for him and the thought to give it up because he wasn't quick enough for me never crossed my mind. Instead, I learned some valuable lessons from him and I am very glad to have had the opportunity to work with him.

73s,
--Alex

Mike Yetsko wrote:

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> > How many can send and receive 20 WPM??
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> What an elitist attitude!!!!
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> And if you are stuck in the past and don't want to at least learn ABOUT
> the 'other' technologies, you are no better than what you maintain are the
> 'dumbed down' HAMS.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 12:59:46 +1000
From: "Glen Torr" <glentorr@ozemail.com.au>

To: "\"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion\"" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126061] The perfect rig ? Thanks for 72
Message-ID: <000e01c1f3e1\$037b7be0\$617354d2@com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Howdy All,

What a gold mine the 72's released into the public domain are, it is really special to follow the evolution of the SW-XX+ ancestors, 40-40 and 30-40 and to have a look at the design decisions in the Green Mountain series, thank you Dave.

Looking at some of the mods for the 40-40 and 30-40 I like the MAR3 MMIC embedded into the TX chain, as in the Green Mountain series. The RX of the Green Mountain has the gain of the MC1350P, thanks to the recent MH101 series I have a lot of components in stock.

I think the perfect 40 or 30 meter rig just may be a 40-40 or 30-40 with the Green Mountain RX strip and the MMIC in the TX strip. (ie without the heterodyne VFO system, just the 40-40 or 30-40 VFO).

I have been over busy the last couple of years with various issues, last week I moved into MY new house with plenty of nearby trees for wire aerials. Time to melt some solder me thinks.

To that end a really powerful article in one of the 72's is on QRP motivation from the master Chuck Adams, thanks again Chuck.

Thanks to all in the NE-QRP club for such a great resource.

Catch You Later.

Glen VK1FB

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 23:31:54 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126062] Paper Work Reduction Act - My ass!orry it's off subject! But it's the FCC
Message-ID: <20020504.233155.244.0.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I don't know if any of you guys have commercial radio licenses, I assume some of you do. I am in the process of renewing my worthless telegraph license and my semi-worthless GMDSS joke of a maintainers license. After obtaining all the required information you need from the FCC web site, finding it, sorting through it etc.... you loose interest and put it aside for another month because it took an hour to find and divulge all this information. Let alone you have to ensure your CORES FCC FRN number has been applied for! Lest you forget and get your application sent back or something. Then you come back to it, read it, reread it, digest it all before you fill it out. Then it takes every bit of the 45 minutes specified to go through the forms to finally find out that you need to fill out FCC form 605 Main Form then follow up with FCC 605 Schedule E form (Almost sounds like we are dealing with the IRS). Then you have to try and sift through the instructions for the fees and fill out FCC Form 159. And cough up copies of your licenses and the fees of \$50 dollars per certificate.

What a pile of crap! It's enough to make you want to throw in the towel and retire, if you haven't already felt the need to do so previously!

Regards to the group
Carol Maher
W4CLM

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 23:38:47 -0400
From: David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126063] Re: Plea!!
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20020504233847.0079d490@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:46 PM 5/4/02 -0400, you wrote:
>Anyway, I still use a PC with Windows to interface to various devices.
>
>What I've found is that when ANY application talks to a parallel or

>serial port, it can still work from a legacy standpoint. However WIN
>doesn't know how to release the port. If you run windows applications,
>they can grab the port and release it just fine. But when you run older
>legacy applications that talk to the port as if it were in DOS, WIN will
>let the application talk if the port is free, but it doesn't know when you
>STOP talking. As a result, the only way to free the port is to CLOSE
>DOWN the window that was running the application that talked to the
>port.
>
>Now you can get in a whammy from this if you already tried to talk to
>the port from another window and the system thought the port wasn't
>ready.

Mike,

I've encountered this too. My biggest problem was with a terminal emulator. My favorite was the DOS version of Telix, which wrote directly to the UART. It ran fine in a DOS window, but the rest of the system (like my dial-up networking) didn't know Telix had "let go" of the serial port unless the DOS window in which it ran was closed. I've since started using a nice term program called Tera-Term, so I don't need Telix any more. (Dont even get me started on Hyperterminal...)

But the parallel port was another issue entirely. In Win95 a program that wrote directly to the parallel port hardware behaved as above, but in WinNT it just plain won't run. NT is willing to let you play games with the serial port hardware, but the rest is OFF LIMITS.

I have since seen a program that runs as an NT service that will grant hardware access privileges to an application. (I had an Atmel AVR programmer app that used it.) I haven't located it yet this evening - I don't remember the name offhand, and it's on my machine at work. I'll post it to the list Monday if I don't find it sooner - maybe Trev can use it.

Dave

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 23:42:38 -5
From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>
To: Ed Kessler <edkess@pa.net>, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126064] Re: Very Stable 10MHz VFO

Message-ID: <200205050344.g453ibJH016633@hagus.bright.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Ed -

I have been working with my UVFO kit doing some measurements of drift vs time, and find that it seems to drift about 5 - 10 hz per minute for an hour or so after a few minutes of warm up. That rate is not noticeable to me when listening to CW on a casual basis. When you get a chance to measure yours, let me know what rate you find.

I am curious to hear what others see as a "drift rate" over the first 15 to 30 minutes on a hz/minute basis.

73 - Bill - N8ET

Kanga US

kanga@bright.net

<http://www.bright.net/~kanga/>

419-423-4604

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 00:15:04 -0400

From: Dave <wr3i@earthlink.net>

To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [126065] Topo Maps for portable?

Message-ID: <E174DQS-0000CI-00@scaup.prod.itd.earthlink.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Does any one know of a site for down loadable Topo maps

I would like to find suitable locations for Portable operations

Rgds

Dave

WR3I

Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:20:37 -0700

From: "blinn" <blinn@smgazette.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126066] What I did today...
Message-ID: <00f601c1f3ec\$368371e0\$9e8aa242@blinn>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

One of my code class students dropped by with four helium filled balloons, wanting to elevate and tickle some wire! Out came the battery, tuner, etc., and the DSW 40. Lifted 66' of #30 with a quarter wave counterpoise and commenced to call CQ.. In short time we had a reply from WA7FMT (Jim in Seattle) giving our little 2 watt signal a 569. The breeze was too cool as the sun was low in the West so we called it a success and quit with the one contact.

What else? Oh yes, I constructed a set of paddles for another of my code class guys and cut parts for another. Also (today) soldered most of the Rainbow Tuner parts in place. Have plans to build Paul Harden's Desert Ratt next. (Has anyone built this interesting little regen?) In the meantime, gathering parts for the 5 watt amplifier.

Oh, for those interested in PV power (Solar Cells), I discovered a super fine regulator circuit that is an easy build. For a description, do a Google search using "Low Cost PV Regulator" (Including the Quote Marks) and a link to an article in Home Power magazine will be among the hits. I built this circuit to replace a burnt up regulator in an automotive battery charger and it works as advertised!

Regards,
Bill - WA7TQK

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:22:21 -0700 (Pacific Daylight Time)
From: "Michael Colvin" <mcolvin@myrealbox.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126067] OT: I had a great day...
Message-ID: <3CD4B37D.000008.02884@verbocit-j3jws9>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: Text/Plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I spent the morning observing a licensing exam given by the Yuba-Sutter ARC.

I am in the process of being certified as a VEC, but today I was there just to take pictures of the examination procedure. I got my first ham license back in 1959, and, as I have mentioned on this list before, I'm getting back into the hobby (to stay) after a 13-year hiatus. I never let my license lapse, however, and I have never forgotten my CW skills. I wasn't about to have to go through that pain all over again. I have become, once again, a true believer" QRP fanatic--a real evangelist for the cause. It appears to me that there is a higher percentage of QRPers among the ham population than there was when I went inactive. QRP is the wave of the future of ham radio. Since returning to ham radio two months ago, I have been repeatedly reminded of what a generally thoughtful and generous group of folks makes up the ham radio community. Learning the advances in communication technology that have taken place in the last 13 years has been a pretty steep learning curve to climb, but no one has treated me like the idiot I felt I was. That has given me confidence to continue to ask embarrassing questions.

Anyway, there were 7 people taking the exam. Two were a married couple. They have two small children. He had wanted to be a ham since he was 14, and he wanted his wife to be one too. Over the last several months he had spent a lot of time encouraging her to get her license, helping her with the theory, etc. He had also spent a small fortune on ham gear that he could only listen to! Today was the Day of Reckoning for both of them!

Another examinee already had his Tech license. He wanted to upgrade to General, but felt he didn't have the code down well enough to pass that part of it yet. He is an electrical engineer, so the theory wasn't going to be a problem. Outside the examination site, while he waited for the results of the elements he took, I visited with him and others, including the couple. I suggested that he should go ahead and take the CW test just to see what it was like. If he didn't pass it, there was always the next time. So he went back in to give it a try.

As the rest of us stood around, I got to reminiscing about my experiences taking the test--going to downtown LA and sitting in a room with 20 other people and a rather officious FFC licensing official. I had to take the test 3 times before I passed my General license, and always there was some guy just outside the window running a jack hammer during the code test, no matter what day of the week or month of the year. When I finally passed, I had to wait for 6 weeks to get my license. They all agreed that taking the test these days was a lot less threatening.

Minutes went by, and one by one each examinee learned how it had gone for him (or her). The engineer came out of the CW test and wasn't sure if he'd passed. A few minutes later he got the official white slip showing that he had passed the theory. The young man who was taking the test with his wife got his white slip next. "Now, if only she has passed, I will be one happy camper," he said.

Others who were standing around also received the good news. Then the examiners came out and told the engineer he had passed the code test! Our little group nearly shook his hand loose in congratulations. Finally, we

all learned that both the young man and his wife had passed the test. In all, no one failed, and five new hams were added to our numbers. There was one successful upgrade to Tech+, one new Extra Class, and the engineer General.

The numbers were not large, certainly, but each person there had a story to tell of the preparations they had made. The Tech+ told how it had taken him months to learn the code to 5 wpm, how he would learn new characters in one session, only to forget them completely by the next. Others told of how the general rudeness of Citizen's Band operators had driven them out of that hobby into the more family-friendly ham radio community, even if it meant having to learn basic electronic theory, which did not come easily.

It would not surprise me at all if some of these new hams will be reminiscing to the new hams of a future generation about how it was for them when they got their first ticket. Everybody has a story to tell.

Michael, KB0MJ
kb0mj@qsl.net

Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 23:30:38 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: w4clm.ham@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126068] Re: Paper Work Reduction Act - My ass!orry it's off subject! But it's
the FCC
Message-ID: <3CD4B56E.4F63DDCD@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Carol, my First Phone with Ship Radar Endorsement is displayed proudly upon my shack wall. It is good for filling the frame and looks sorta neat - I am proud that I got it but I would never go through what you described to renew it, even if it could be renewed.

Thanks for your tale of woe . . .

73/72/oo, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!
QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6 SOC 262 COG 8 FPQRP 404 TEN-X 11771 I-LINK 11735
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina 505 DSP #91900556 Icom IC-765 #02437

w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:

>

> I don't know if any of you guys have commerical radio

> licenses, I assume some of you do. I am in the process of renewing my
> worthless telegraph license and my semi-worthless GMDSS joke of
> a maintainers license.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 00:35:39 -0400
From: Dave <wr3i@earthlink.net>
To: <blinn@smgazette.com>, <wr3i@earthlink.net>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126069] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
Message-ID: <E174Dk0-0004gZ-00@avocet.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

WhoHa! Thanks Bill Just what I needed
Dave
WR3I

----- Original message ----->
From: blinn <blinn@smgazette.com>
To: <wr3i@earthlink.net>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion=
<qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Received: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:31:26 -0700
Subject: Re: Topo Maps for portable?

><http://www.topozone.com/> Try this link.

>Regards, Bill - WA7TQK

>-----Original Message-----
>From: Dave <wr3i@earthlink.net>
>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Date: Saturday, May 04, 2002 9:15 PM
>Subject: Topo Maps for portable?

>Does any one know of a site for down loadable Topo maps
>I would like to find suitable locations for Portable operations
>Rgds
>Dave
>WR3I

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Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 21:31:26 -0700
From: "blinn" <blinn@smgazette.com>
To: <wr3i@earthlink.net>,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126070] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
Message-ID: <010f01c1f3ed\$b97a8e20\$9e8aa242@blinn>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Regards, Bill - WA7TQK

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave <wr3i@earthlink.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Saturday, May 04, 2002 9:15 PM
Subject: Topo Maps for portable?

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Rgds
Dave
WR3I

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 12:58:02 +0100
From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@earthlink.net>
To: edkess@pa.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126071] Re: Very Stable 10MHz VFO
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020505124111.009ef130@mail.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Ed,

Thanks for the posting on the VFO. Can you do me and the rest of the gang a small favor, if you have the time and energy and a way to do the following.

1. Can you see how sensitive the VFO stability is related to the supply voltage? Are you really running your VFO at 10V and how much does it degrade the output to go to 9V regulated. I don't have a 10V regulator in my box. :-)
How about voltage variations and frequency fluctuations?

And yes I do know how to get 10V but was interested in what happens at 9V for reduction in parts count.....

2. What is the tuning range with the cap that you used?

3. Have you tried varactor diode tuning? This for those that can't get variable tuning caps.

Inquiring minds that aren't interested in the bad language in use in some of the current threads wanna know.

The reason I ask. I've been experimenting with the VFO in the SWL-40+ at 3.4MHz and 4.58MHz for the NN1G Mark II xcvr for 30 and 17 meters.

Electronic-Goldmine has 13.5000MHz crystals for \$4.00 for 300 crystals and I bought a few. :-) Working on the NN1G rig from Jan 1994 and 1995 QRP ARCI Quarterly using Manhattan Style building for an article. Guess we have to change the name of the rig to K1SWL from now on. :-) ;-) And at that price for crystals --- I'll build the rig and

then worry
about the possible birdies later....

And if you have a VFO that is stable at 8MHz we can do a
15 meter version using the same crystals. Again, considering
birdies as an issue later on. Build now --- worry later.

And along with the order from Electronic Goldmine I bought
their portable rechargeable tool, K1026, for \$14.95. For
those that want a Moto tool (sp?) that is light and portable
and working without cord but not for heavy duty work
this one comes with a bunch of bits that are pretty handy
to have.

FYI,

dit dit es tn timer

Chuck Adams, K7QO CP-60 k7qo@earthlink.net
<http://www.qsl.net/k7qo>

Moving to Arizona? --- Bring your own water, please.

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 00:55:22 -0400
From: Paul Valko <w8kc@comcast.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: FT817@yahooogroups.com, Jack Beckman <jack@yap-east.org>
Subject: [126072] W8KC - What I did last night, yes it's QRP!!!
Message-ID: <025401c1f3f1\$10672e70\$6401a8c0@hamshack>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hello Everyone,

The semi-local radio club (USECA www.useca.org) had a VE session this
evening. Although it's a 40 mile drive from the boondocks I call the W8KC
Estate, I threw caution to the wind and made the trip to Michigan's East
Coast.

Since I LOVE show and tell, I brought along my "shack in a bag." My FT-817,
LDG Z-11, homemade dipole, Palm paddle, 9AH Battery, and other goodies
jammed into a notebook PC bag. My wife found a collapsable aluminum mast at

a garage sale for \$4. The pole extends to over 20' and folds down to about 3 feet. Gotta love women like that.

We set up the 817 in the parking lot of the Mt. Clemens Michigan Salvation Army building. That's where USECA holds weekly get togethers and test sessions on Saturday nights.

Walt WB8E, delighted and astounded the crowd with a quick QRP QSO to a FISTS member on 20 meters. Much laughter and hijinks took place as Walt bemoaned how many FISTS members only want to get your FISTS number and then QRT. Which incredible enough, was exactly what the other OP did!

Then I switched to SSB to entertain the prospective ham candidates with 5 watts of raw power. Some IZ QSO Party was taking place and I quickly worked a fellow in his contest. Many other hams took the microphone of the 817 and gave the guy several quick QSOs in a row.

My friend Dave, KC8RVF has a pretty fresh General class ticket and he worked an IZ station for his FIRST DX QSO and his first QRP contact. Pretty cool. :-)

The group around the tailgate of the minivan we had setup the rig in was highly impressed that 5 watts could do anything. They were likewise amazed that a simple wire dipole (albeit with a \$150 autotuner) could work DX. I had to explain that had I been highly motivated, I could have simply cut the wire to a correct frequency and done the same trick without a tuner.

I'm pretty sure I sold a couple 817s last night. I believe at least one guy said he was going to buy a Z-11.

Everyone else was jealous that I have a wife that knows what a good antenna support looks like when she sees one.

73! =paul= W8KC
Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics.
Visit the Virtual Ten*Tec Museum at
<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/w8kc/tentec.html>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 00:55:26 EDT
From: IamSF5@aol.com
To: w2agn@w2agn.net
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126073] Re: From AF2Q

Message-ID: <ad.1cb44c77.2a06153e@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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In a message dated 5/4/02 4:46:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time, w2agn@w2agn.net writes:

<<
Well, I worked for the FAA a lotta years, have a Pilot's license, nad still think anyone who would jump out a a functioning airplane for fun has to have a screw or two loose ;-) And we pay to do it to.
>>

Well John,
I had my ups and downs.
I never jumped from a diving board.
I never could climb a ladder more then 8 or 9 feet because I'd start to shake thinking what would happed to me if I fell.
I can't get within 5 feet of the edge of the roof here without getting that spooky feeling.
Yes,
I'm frightened of height but at 13,000 feet I know I have full control of my fall.
Yes we pack our own mains but the reserve must be packed by a certified rigger.
When were low on funds we pack our own and change the seal on the pin that goes through the cone.
If I gotta go it's not going to be sitting in a chair watching cars ride by
Bob
AF2Q
If you break your leg don't come running to me.:))

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 00:54:18 -0400
From: David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126074] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20020505005418.0079aa30@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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At 12:15 AM 5/5/02 -0400, you wrote:
>Does any one know of a site for down loadable Topo maps
>I would like to find suitable locations for Portable operations

Dave,

Try doing a Web search for the name of the state in question and "topographic maps." The state Department of Transportation Web site may have links to useful maps. Also, here's a spot that claims to have the entire set of US topo maps online:

<http://www.topozone.com>

Dave

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 00:59:26 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Cc: zeekzilch@juno.com
Subject: [126075] Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
Message-ID: <20020505.005926.1804.2.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
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Guys, I don't want to get into a S--T storm of E-mail about the merits of C.W. Extra Class operators Vs. those extra class operators who are now Extra Lights.

But I will throw in my two cents and say this much.
AN EXTRA CLASS LICENSE ISSUED NOW MEANS NOTHING!
AN EXTRA CLASS, SHOULD REQUIRE EXTRA WORK AND AN
EXTRA EFFORT, THEN YOU SHOULD GET THE EXTRA OPERATING
PRIVILEGES. In my mind, the code is not the entire issue. With the Internet
being what it is today, cell phones and instant communications in your hip pocket. Our hobby has lost a lot of the thrill and excitement it once had. So I welcome the new comers into amateur radio with open arms. In so doing, I conducted novice classes as recently as a couple of years ago before that license was virtually abolished. I have no problems with bringing new comers into the ranks.

What I do have a problem with are those who have become

Advanced Class operators virtually overnight by pure memorization of the verbatim written exams while they are still calling themselves by their Citizens Band

boot leg handle when talking on the two meter phone band.

If you correct them, they get mad and you get a label as an old curmudgeon.

They use their "PERSONALS" and tell you they have done it this way their entire life. When in Rome, you do as the Roman's do and the terminology that comprises the lingo of amateur radio is all part of it. There is no such thing as a PERSONAL in amateur radio. If you use have a personal, then it should be kept in your pants!

These same people have no idea what WWV is or why it's on the band, not that it matters much. But what it indicates to me when I hear questions being asked about these stations and things they now hear across the spectrum with their new mega-buck transceiver. It tells me right off the bat that they never spent any time listening on the H.F. bands before their first license arrived in the mail and started talking on the two meter phone band. Some don't even know their call sign. Many of these same individuals are well on their way to

becoming so called Extra Class operators. Yet they have no concept as to why a transceiver is rated at input power instead of the output power to the antenna because they have missed something valuable (in their training) along the progression of moving up the ladder of advancement.

Maybe I missed something... have we just thrown incentive licensing out the window along with the baby and the bath water?

They missed that one or two years of being a novice or a technician with the desire to study hard and learn the basics, as a basic foundation before obtaining that Extra Class license.

If I were going to build a strong home, I'd rather have my home built on a cement foundation Vs. mud. The new comers have missed having to dip the plate current of the final amplifier, which teaches them

about a parallel resonate circuit that when it becomes resonance, as the current is minimal and the power increases. As such the power efficiency of the final is never going to reach 100%, so your output

power will never meet or exceeded the rated final power input to the amplifier as specified in your advertisements by Kenwood and Yaesu. They never had the experience of building a Heathkit, repairing a vintage transmitter, some can't even identify a resistor, and have no concept of Ohms Law. My neighbors who is now an Advanced class operator calls a silicon diode, as a -----DIA-A-LOADS!

Now why I may be rambling on here, I believe the basic facts of radio were understood by a novice who passed a minimal written multiple choice exam not too long ago. For they had to learn the information in order to upgrade

or you lost your license. You did not pass an exam by pure memorization.

And when I hear someone on the lower part of the C.W. band sending C.W. so bad that I could do better with my left foot, I have to turn my rig off in disgust.

While I will be the first one to tell you that I hated C.W. as a kid, BECAUSE IT

WAS WORK. I love it now and I do it very well. It's a language in it's own

and in order to be understood speaking any language it has to be pronounced

clearly in order to pass the intended meaning. I also speak Japanese, all be it

at an elementary level, but I would be embarrassed if I spoke only gibberish

and told someone I could speak that language.

Finally: C.W. is a discipline that requires work and effort to become good at it.

I believe it is sad that today everyone wants everything NOW, the discipline and

drive to achieve their goals are no longer there. As a society, We want it now

and we want it with little or no effort. If we don't get it now we are going to

hire a lawyer and fight for it in to courts until we get it for free.

Well enough said.

Go ahead and flame me, but to be honest with you. I am not happy with the way our hobby has progressed. And while there are still many good things about amateur radio, I would not be proud to say I was an Extra Light.

Sorry guys !

Regards

Carol L. Maher

W4CLM

Charlotte N.C.

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 00:21:52 -0500

From: "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [126076] RE: 30m DX
Message-ID: <ZVNJ3X1UGE96DB0C9JGIA6JDLFRQYV.3cd4c170@aweiss>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="windows-1252"

Hi all:

OK Ed: here's my "PLEA" post about activities.

Last night (Fri) was pretty open on 30m. Hal EA5GNI comes on at 0500 and has taken to calling de EA5GNI/QRP. He was a real 579 in SD -- of course, he's got a great antenna. I heard him work N0IT (if I recall correctly) and then gave one CQ before his usual sign-off time of 0530. Unfortunately, W6OYY was calling him to no avail -- he QRT'd. Hal has got great ears and a great ant. and usually the best EU sig. here. So, check him out on 10105-10106 usually. He'd been using the K2 for EU stuff, but turned it on one night with me. He knows he can make the US, so let's give him some action!

The wee hours were great here. I got up at 0845 to check out some good stuff reported on the DX CLUSTER SPOT. Good idea. Broke the pile-up of JA's for JDZYB0, then 8J0C who picked off my "/QRP" and then went two go-arounds to get my whole call, and finally K1B -- the one I got up to work. All three were pile-ups. Went back to the sack after an hour. Boy that feels good!

72, Ade W0RSP

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 01:36:20 -0400
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126077] RE: Very Stable 10MHz VFO
Message-ID: <000401c1f3f6\$c99a6dd0\$c39efea9@n4xy>
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Could you send me a copy of the original of this? Thanks.

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

Ed Tanton N4XY
189 Pioneer Trail
Marietta, GA 30068-3466

website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

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SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 00:34:21 -0500
From: bob evinger <wd9eka@evinger.com>
To: w4clm.ham@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126078] AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <3CD4C45D.6040106@evinger.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Cant say that we have all the problems that you mention in my area, but I have never cared for the print the pools and memorize the answers for amateur exams or any other exams. I sure wouldnt feel comfortable if my doctor got her license that way(yeah okay its a hobby, so is my flying but I had to show that I knew what I was doing to get that piece of paper not just memorize some question pool). You need to know why, not that the answer is C.

bob

w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:

...

>

> What I do have a problem with are those who have become
> Advanced Class operators virtually overnight by pure memorization of
> the verbatim written exams while they are still calling themselves by
> their Citizens Band
> boot leg handle when talking on the two meter phone band.
> If you correct them, they get mad and you get a label as an old
> curmudgeon.
> They use their "PERSONALS" and tell you they have done it this way
> their entire life. When in Rome, you do as the Roman's do and the
> terminology that comprises the lingo of amateur radio is all part of it.
> There is no such thing as a PERSONAL in amateur radio. If
> you use have a personal, then it should be kept in your pants!

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Bob Evinger WD9EKA/AAR5MG(Army MARS operator)
If Guns Cause Crime, Then Matches Cause Arson.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 01:53:54 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: jboley@fcc.gov
Cc: aranet@yahoogroups.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU, rarsnet@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [126079] Paperwork Reduction Project - My Ass !
Message-ID: <20020505.015354.1804.3.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear Jboley@fcc.gov

I am in the process of renewing my worthless telegraph license and my semi-worthless GMDSS joke of a maintainers license. After obtaining all the required information I needed from the the FCC web site, finding it, sorting through it etc....I began to loose interest and put aside the application process for another month, because it took an hour to find and then divulge all this information. Let alone you have to ensure your CORES FCC FRN number has been applied for and updated if you already have one. Lest I forget and get my application is sent back or something.

Then you come back to the main 605 application, read it, reread it, digest it all before you fill it out. It takes every bit of the 45 minutes specified to go through the forms to finally find out that you need to fill out FCC form

605 Main Form

then follow up with FCC 605 Schedule E form (Almost sounds like we are dealing with the IRS). Then you have to try and sift through the instructions for the fees and fill out FCC Form 159. And cough up copies of your licenses and the fees of \$50 dollars per certificate.

What a pile of crap! It's enough to make me want to burn these already worthless certificates and retire. Needless to say, I assume you can tell I

am not happy with the Paperwork Reduction project as it now stands. What ever happened to a single form 610 or a single form 605 with the fees written into the instructions, only one form to be filed by the applicant.

The new FCC form 605 is lengthy and unreasonable considering that you now have look through all the different schedules in order to find the right schedule to attache to the application. Then file a separate form 159 for fees. If the system wasn't broke before CORES, it sure is now. What use to take 10 minutes and a personal check in order to renew a license, now takes 45 minutes and a lot more confusion and aggravation a wallet full of cash.

Sincerely,
Carol Louise Maher
Charlotte, NC
W4CLM

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 01:57:55 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: wd9eka@evinger.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126080] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <20020505.015756.1804.5.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks for all the E-mail in support of my view.
You hit it on the head Bob!
Best 73's
Personal here is Carol !!

You need to know why,
not that the answer is C.
bob

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 01:09:02 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: w4clm.ham@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126081] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <3CD4CC7E.7CD591FA@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

What is a "personal?"

73/72/oo, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!
QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6 SOC 262 COG 8 FPQRP 404 TEN-X 11771 I-LINK 11735
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina 505 DSP #91900556 Icom IC-765 #02437

w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:

>
> Thanks for all the E-mail in support of my view.
> You hit it on the head Bob!
> Best 73's
> Personal here is Carol !!

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 06:45:44 -0400
From: Howard Rubin <hrubin1970@comcast.net>
To: plburbank@kih.net,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126082] RE: AM radio query
Message-ID: <NGBBIJLJALHNLHMDICMPIE00CEAA.hrubin1970@comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Peter,

For what band are you interested in designing this? Do have specific requirements, i.e. selectivity, size, sensitivity, audio quality, cost?

I remember an AM radio I designed with my father that used magnet wire on a cardboard tube, a cat's whisker (galenium crystal) and pair of headphones.

Regards, Howard, N3FEL

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Pete Burbank

Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 9:56 PM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: AM radio query

I dislike to interrupt this exchange about extras etc....:-) :-) :-)
I was curious about building up a high quality AM radio and searched the web a bit with few satisfactory hits. Any body know of a source for such goodies? I was thinking about an air variable tuning capacitor and real IF transformers....not the one chip toy radios A kit would be cool.

Any sources appreciated.

I hope many enjoyed the Ky Derby

73 to all

Pete NV4V Ky

Norton I/O

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 06:50:42 -0400

From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [126083] Re: Paper Work Reduction Act - My ass!orry it's off subject! But it's

the FCC

Message-ID: <3CD50E82.9DDD667F@chartermi.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well put guys, I let my telegraph license lapse years ago, as I would never have a use for it, back then to renew would have had to get a passport photo for it and so on. Still keep my telephone/radar

endorsement license on the wall as thats lifetime now. I tried to use the online system to change my callsign and although I have been cores or uls registered , I kept having problems with their site. Yep used to be real simple fill in the blanks and write a check, lick a stamp. Change and improvements are not always good.
ken w8ob

"George, W5YR" wrote:

>
> Carol, my First Phone with Ship Radar Endorsement is displayed proudly upon
> my shack wall. It is good for filling the frame and looks sorta neat - I am
> proud that I got it but I would never go through what you described to
> renew it, even if it could be renewed.
>
> Thanks for your tale of woe . . .
>
> 73/72/oo, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
> Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
> Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!
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> Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina 505 DSP #91900556 Icom IC-765 #02437
>
> w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:
> >
> > I don't know if any of you guys have commerical radio
> > licenses, I assume some of you do. I am in the process of renewing my
> > worthless telegraph license and my semi-worthless GMDSS joke of
> > a maintainers license.

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:55:29 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: master72@lipetsk.ru, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126084] Re: NE602
Message-ID: <F923AJCshuU0RSErWFn0000bf88@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: "Oleg V. Borodin" <master72@lipetsk.ru>
>Reply-To: master72@lipetsk.ru

>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: NE602
>Date: Sat, 4 May 2002 23:59:46 +0400
>
>Dear friends!
>I have a lot interesting schemes with NE602 mixer, but there is not this
>chip in Russia. Help me, please, with inside circuit of this chip. URLs are
>also be good.
>

Try the Philips web site:

<http://www.semiconductors.philips.com>

Look for the SA602/SA612, you'll find lots of info.

73, Leon

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Leon Heller, G1HSM Tel: +44 1327 359058 Email:leon_heller@hotmail.com
My web page: http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller
My low-cost Altera Flex design kit: <http://www.leonheller.com>

Chat with friends online, try MSN Messenger: <http://messenger.msn.com>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 06:59:48 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126085] re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <3CD510A4.E90B1F8D@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I made two trips to two different FCC offices for exams, Although I usually made the trip for commercial reasons, I would usually take a Ham test while there. The examiners were always pleasant and friendly and although I never had any distractions it seemed the weather was always gloomy and rainy outside. The one thing I do remember was leaving the Detroit office one time, This fellow who said he was working for,"now correct me if I'm wrong on this" Dick Bash, rode the elevator down and asked me if I could remember 3 or 4 questions that were on the exam. I told him I didn't remember squat and left it at that. Was not Bash the first to come out with study guides that had the actual FCC questions on

them?

ken w8ob

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 11:06:26 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: plburbank@kih.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126086] Re: AM radio query
Message-ID: <F100CD7PdZwaGA1q8sy0000c0ec@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
>Reply-To: plburbank@kih.net
>To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
>Subject: AM radio query
>Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 21:55:48 -0400

>

>I dislike to interrupt this exchange about extras etc.....:-) :-) :-)
>I was curious about building up a high quality AM radio and searched the
>web a bit with few satisfactory
>hits. Any body know of a source for such goodies? I was thinking about an
>air variable tuning capacitor
>and real IF transformers....not the one chip toy radios A kit would be
>cool.
>Any sources appreciated.

Three or four years ago I experimented with an IF strip using BF981 MOSFETs and toroidal IF transformers, tuned with trimmers and fixed caps. I think it had three stages. The IF was about 9 MHz. It worked very well when checked with a signal generator, although I never tried it in an actual radio. It was completely stable with lots of AGC range.

I used a form of ugly construction with pads cut into the PCB material for the MOSFET connections.

73, leon

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Leon Heller, G1HSM Tel: +44 1327 359058 Email:leon_heller@hotmail.com
My web page: http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller

My low-cost Altera Flex design kit: <http://www.leonheller.com>

MSN Photos is the easiest way to share and print your photos:
<http://photos.msn.com/support/worldwide.aspx>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 07:15:52 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126087] re new licensee's
Message-ID: <3CD51468.D5A14231@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Again I say welcome to the new guys but please, If your gonna join the great fraternity of Ham radio- throw away the CB lingo. I was listening on both 10M and 2M fm this morning and heard lots of terms like:

you got stepped on

personal here is

well I'm at the 20

see you later down the ole coax

and so on.

Ok, not exactly have to do with qrp but since have heard it in the qrp freqs maybe it does. Here if you nicely tell one of these guys especially on 2m that hey thats not quite the kind of talk Hams do, your more than not likely to be told to go f--k yourself get the idea?

Here's the problem Joe and Ted get their tech licenses, now they no longer have to be on CB or freeband, next thing you know everybody thats Joe and TED's CB buddies are getting tech licenses, bingo now they join the local club manage to get elected into leader positions due to sheer number and the local club is just shot to hell from guys unwilling to carry on traditions. Next thing happens is they decide to take the challenging CW test and this gets carried onto the HF bands. I always welcome the new guy, am more than willing to help him/her out with any problems or questions they have provided they don't have a attitude problem..... All I gotta say is you Phone guys if and when they drop the CW requirement are gonna get what you asked for and more in this deal. And may God have mercy on the CW guys as we slowly sink down to 20 khz subbands.

ken w8ob

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 07:49:01 -0400
From: John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126088] Re: re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <000301c1f42a\$d9687570\$6501a8c0@JOHN>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Wasn't it Gordon West?

John Harper AE5X
Outdoor QRP & 80m DXing: <http://www.ae5x.com>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 06:06:40 -0600 (MDT)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: hfpack@yahoo.com
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126089] Computer control of my 817
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.44.0205050548440.1810-100000@Daisy.dog>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Yesterday I got a CAT cable delivered from GigaParts for my 817 and tried to find the software that allows you to upload your memory bank from the radio and put it on the computer and then add entries on the computer and then download the whole thing to the radio.

I found first software called FTBasic which claimed to work with a lot of radios including my 817. It doesn't. I never got it to work and so asked the hfpack list if there was any other software out there. I found quick that there is out there FT817 Commander which has a free license and works better than any other.

Tried to DL the software from Groups.yahoo.com and it failed every time! There is something wrong with Yahoo.

One of the guys on ftpack from europe said to try this web page:

www.hb9drv.ch

I did and there I found the author, Simon Brown HB9DRV has several versions of FT817 Commander and I DL the latest non-beta version.

When I got it on my laptop with windows 98 I was pleased by the professional loader Simon uses, his excellent .pdf manual, and the on-line help that's not yet done.

Brought up this software and after resetting the baud rate on the 817 as the help panel suggested, it came up working! On my computer is the face of my 817 and I can change frequency or band or mode and transmit! Working with the memory will be so simple as to be great!

If you have a Yaseu FT-817 you should get the CAT cable or make one, and with this software run the little bugger and use that huge memory.

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 07:03:32 -0500
From: "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
To: <wr3i@earthlink.net>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126090] Re: Topo Maps for portable?
Message-ID: <200205051207.HAA28637@gallium.eosinc.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Sun, 05 May 2002 00:15:04 -0400, Dave wrote:
>Does any one know of a site for down loadable Topo maps
>I would like to find suitable locations for Portable operations
>Rgds
>Dave
>WR3I

<http://www.topografix.com> has some map data suitable for use with=
some GPS receivers. There is also either an area on their site or=

on
one of the links that lets you look at maps on line.

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Tim, N9PUZ, n9puz@arrl.net on 05/05/2002

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 08:18:16 -0400
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <w2agn@w2agn.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126091] Re: Message from W4RT
Message-ID: <20020505121816.NSRH12844.imf28bis.bellsouth.net@[192.168.0.20]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 4/19/02 3:06 PM, John L. Sielke at w2agn@w2agn.net wrote:

>I received a message from "sales@w4rt.com" It was titled "Your Password."
>Since I hadn't requested anything like that, I was suspicious. The message
>had 3 attachments, one of which was a file called "border.bat." Sure enough,
>it was a virus!

I'm a Mac user, and I don't use Outlook. Because of this, I'm essentially immune to any internet or e-mail borne virus, and many of those spoofed e-mails are completely transparent to me.

I've noticed of late that there has been an increasing occurrence of e-mails from parties unknown, many of which have attachments that purport to be audio/wav files of some sort, but in actuality are executables, scripts, or batch files.

Of course, I delete all such messages. However, lately I've gotten a couple with cleverly spoofed headers.

One of them looks like it comes from Microsoft, with an admonition that there's a dangerous virus around, and you should install this anti-virus software.

One of them looks like a bounced message indication from an e-mail server. Of course, since you didn't actually send the bounced message, you'd naturally be curious and open the attachment....

So, beware! Be sure what you are opening is actually what it purports to be.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 08:49:47 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: ae5x@qsl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126092] Re: re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <3CD52A6B.AFAC83A6@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

no I think this was before Gordon West, But I could be wrong. Seems at
the time a couple of the ham rags were complaining about this practice.
the name Bash is stuck in my mind for some reason.
Ken W80B

John Harper AE5X wrote:
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> Wasn't it Gordon West?
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> John Harper AE5X
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Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 08:52:28 EDT
From: Mercxx@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126093] Transmatch Question
Message-ID: <cf.16a9c660.2a06850c@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good morning,

I have acquired a ST. Louis QRP Society QRP Transmatch Kit from a friend
of mine. Came with the enclosure and everything needed to put her together.

It is dated August 1994, before I start building does anyone know of any changes that were made after the kit was distributed (i.e., errors)? If so where can I get the information? Thanks for the help.

72
Steve
N4TKP

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 05:59:48 -0700 (PDT)
From: Bill ROWLETT <kc4atu@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [126094] extra lite ???????
Message-ID: <20020505125948.58835.qmail@web14208.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

What the hell is an extra lite? When I look at the classes of licenses I do not see any "EXTRA LITE". These people take a written test which has a larger pool of questions then most of older extra's did, They combined the advanced and extra together to make the extra exam we have today. Think about it, would you want to take your old advanced and extra in the same test. After June, the extra pool will increase to over 800 questions. Try and memorize it. Even now with the 600 or 700 questions, you don't memorize it.

Not all ham's work in an industry which has anything to do with electronics. I am a trained fine and grafic artist. It an't easy for me or them at times. We do the best we can. This EXTRA LITE put down is just that. A PUT DOWN.

I hear some of the same questions you related to asked by those who got there extra years ago. I know several who got the ticket back 10 years and they still don't know any more then they did as a novice. THEY MEMORIZED IT.

You an't perfect and I'm not either, but I do try to treat all people the same. This is a hobby, not life and death as some of you think. If you want to be thought of as a good ham, go out and ELMER the people you conplain about.

Just so you don't think of me as a GENERAL LITE, I

started with a Novice ticket, then went to Tech and now General. I may or may not upgrade, I can do all I want with the general and the lower 25 is not that important to me as trying to make friends on the air. In this country and across the ponds.

Bill kc4atu

HF QRP, VHF & UHF cw/ssb

Do You Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Health - your guide to health and wellness
<http://health.yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 09:01:24 -0400
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: <mcolvin@myrealbox.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126095] Re: I had a great day...
Message-ID: <003101c1f435\$107c2520\$010044c0@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Something I should have passed on a couple of weeks ago.

One of our locals, N8STF, organized a tech class through the 4H. The 4H was looking for something that would be of some interest to boys, as mostly their activities lately seem to be of more interest to girls. As it turned out, the class attracted mostly adults, which was a bit of a surprise, but there were a few kids. Only 8 students in total, but that is better than we have been getting lately to club sponsored classes.

Anyway, what disturbed me is that Eldon elected basically to not teach them. They all got a copy of "Now you're talking", and at the "class" they basically discussed what they needed to study for next week, and they did some practice exams. He did have several hams at each class to answer any questions the students came up with the week before. I built up some kits to let them practice their Ohm's law calculations, so they all got a chance to melt solder. Some of the other hams brought in test gear and rigs for demos. There was a serious attempt to not make it dry. Evidently it

worked.

This laid-back approach netted 5 techs and 3 generals out of 8 students. One student came one question shy of getting his extra! 3 of the 5 techs also passed their code, the other 2 didn't try the test. There was no code covered in the class. There were an additional 8 folks at the VE exams, all but 2 either upgraded or got new licenses. We tend to run 3 or 4 VE sessions a year. The one at the hamfest usually draws a couple dozen, but the others tend to attract maybe 3 or 4, so this was an unusually successful session.

Apparently, this do it yourself approach has some merit. I was pretty startled. They were interested students, but 8 for 8 was pretty surprising.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "Michael Colvin" <mcolvin@myrealbox.com>
Subject: OT: I had a great day...

> I spent the morning observing a licensing exam given
> by the Yuba-Sutter ARC.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 09:04:12 -0400
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@rcn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126096] Re: re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <006e01c1f435\$5a58d620\$0300a8c0@dad-s-computer.rcn.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ken is correct -- it was Dick Bash. His people would meet you, and ask about questions on the exams.

Dick K2JQ

-----Original Message-----

From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Sunday, May 05, 2002 8:51 AM
Subject: Re: re taking ham exams

>no I think this was before Gordon West, But I could be wrong. Seems at
>the time a couple of the ham rags were complaining about this practice.
>the name Bash is stuck in my mind for some reason.
>Ken W8OB
>
>John Harper AE5X wrote:
>>
>> Wasn't it Gordon West?
>>
>> John Harper AE5X
>> Outdoor QRP & 80m DXing: <http://www.ae5x.com>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 09:48:18 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: Nv4t@aol.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126097] Re: re learning CW
Message-ID: <3CD53822.D5F7C1FF@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Way back when we had to learn the code to either renew our licenses or progress upward in class, it was a bit different environment. Novice licenses were non renewable. Mine was of the vintage that expired in a year. My incentive to get a higher class license was obvious to me. I got the Technician because I could not learn the code fast enough!

However, if the regulations had remained the same, we would not have the large number of hams and everything would be different too! There would not be the large number of equipment suppliers. Ham radio might even have disappeared as a hobby!

We take a lot of things for granted these days. We have portable call signs. In 1956 you had to have a call from the call area in which you lived. We travel around frequently and take our radios with us. In 1956 you had to notify the Radio Engineer in Charge of your call district that you would be fixed portable! To renew a general class license in 1962 you had to show proof (or have it in your log, which you were required to keep) of three QSOs within the past 6 months Is it better now?

The tremendous explosion of ham radio has brought a lot of people in that do not like CW, they prefer to use SSB, Are they bad hams? No, they are not. In fact a lot of them are technically as competent as any of us. Think about what you want for ham radio!

73

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:06:49 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: jim-c@nc.rr.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126098] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
Message-ID: <3CD53C79.4F95A23A@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Actually I think the changes in license requirements reflect a change in how our hobby is viewed by the FCC. In the old days, when we had to copy 1 minute of solid CW on paper in front of an FCC examiner we were a hobby of amateur communications that was expected to fill in in times of war or other emergencies. But, technology changed. CW operators were no longer even wanted by the military! Our hobby became less essential. We could let other hams do the testing! Code proficiency became less of an issue!

73

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 07:42:48 -0600
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Elecraft-list" <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126099] WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
Message-ID: <004a01c1f43a\$bf09b710\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Before I plunk down \$80, I thought I'd check to see if anybody has one they would like to sell.

If you don't know what a TacPack is and want info here is the URL:

<http://www.mountainops.com/>

73, Rod NØRC
Ft Collins, CO

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 09:45:55 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126100] Re: re learning CW
Message-ID: <0205050945552G.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

On Sunday 05 May 2002 09:48, Bruce Muscolino wrote:

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> large number of hams and everything would be different too! There would
> not be the large number of equipment suppliers. Ham radio might even
> have disappeared as a hobby!

Just being Devil's Advocate. Would Ham Radio have disappeared, or would we have a smaller number of Hams, who build their own gear, are familiar with electronic principles, and have to deal with much less overcrowding on the bands?

>
> We take a lot of things for granted these days. We have portable call
> signs. In 1956 you had to have a call from the call area in which you
> lived. We travel around frequently and take our radios with us. In
> 1956 you had to notify the Radio Engineer in Charge of your call
> district that you would be fixed portable! To renew a general class
> license in 1962 you had to show proof (or have it in your log, which you
> were required to keep) of three QSOs within the past 6 months Is it
> better now?

Excellent question. You only had to notify the engineer if you were going to be in the district for a period of time. (I forget exactly, something like a month.) Nothing precluded portable operation, but you had to sign "/X" Gee, it meant people had an idea where you were just from your call sign! And having to prove you kept up some degree of skill...horrible thought. Indeed, IS it better now?

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John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@w2agn.net
http://www.w2agn.net

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 07:46:26 -0600
From: Roy <marion@montana.com>
To: myetsko@insydesw.com,
 "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126101] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
Message-ID: <4.3.1.2.20020505074354.00a78a80@mail.montana.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

At 08:59 AM 5/4/02 -0400, Mike Yetsko wrote:
>On the other hand... Maybe it's time they started letting people upgrade
>for brains instead of wrist action...

They used to do that. 73 Roy AB7CE

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 09:58:22 -0400
From: BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126102] Lite / Heavy and Q-pools
Message-ID: <20020505135822.29148.qmail@uwdvvg023.cms.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

How about this approach. Get rid of the PUBLISHED question pools and make the written testing like it used to be. The study guides had general questions and explained the answers in all areas which could be covered on the tests, but no word for word questions and answers.

I know that under freedom of information (at least I think that's the act

that made it a requirement to publish the pools) the government has to publish questions on all their tests, but I think I liked it better the old way (probably because that's the way I had to do it back in the old days =2E.. when we had to walk without shoes, in deep snow, 153 miles up hill (both ways) to and from school).

The FAA pilots written exams are the same way... published pools. But at least they have oral and practical exams required additionally (which might not be a bad idea for hams, just a total pain to do).

Bob WB8CAC
K1 #1150, QRP-ARCI 11116, FISTS 6970, CP-35, Shoe size 10 1/2
<http://www.infoave.net/~masoste/wb8cac>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 13:48:45 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126103] Counties - Round #8
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020505134147.01f39f60@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I've been making some headway this week - 135 counties to go - average power to work a county now is down to 4.82 watts. So let's see if I can find someone on the list in one of those hard to get western counties.

MT - Big Horn, Blaine, Carter, Judith Basin, Lincoln, Teton
ID - Bear Lake, Boundary, Clark, Fremont, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Washington
WY - Crook, Sheridan
CO - San Juan
NM - Harding

Next week I'll finish off the list with WA, OR, NV, UT, and yes AK. I don't need any in HI.

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:09:35 EDT

From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [126104] Re: Very Stable 10MHz VFO - birdies
Message-ID: <20020505.080235.4639.2.n5ib@juno.com>

On Sun, 05 May 2002 12:58:02 +0100 Chuck Adams <k7qo@earthlink.net> writes:

>Electronic-Goldmine has 13.5000MHz crystals for
>\$4.00 for 300 crystals and I bought a few. :-) Working
>on the NN1G rig from Jan 1994 and 1995 QRP ARCI Quarterly
>using Manhattan Style building for an article. And at that price for
crystals --- I'll build the rig
>and then worry about the possible birdies later....

With lots of advice and counsel and math prompting from Dave Benson, K1SWL, I've done up an Excel spreadsheet to find possible birdies in a single conversion receiver.

You enter the range of Rx frequencies and the chosen IF frequency. It computes the two possible VFO ranges and then commences to try out the various combinations of harmonics that might spawn a birdie. When one is found it displays a nice red flag and computes where within the tuning range it will be found.

I'm still fiddling with the formulas and am not yet sure it's working correctly. But it did find an audible birdie in my 30 m rig in the right place. I'll post the XLS file on my web page Monday and notify the list so all y'all (that's plural) can download and test it and find the bugs. Might be a good candidate for a BASIC program as well. After you folks find all my mistakes I'll repost a corrected version :^))

Preliminary results, some assembly required, batteries not included, void where prohibited, professional driver on closed course, under 18 get parent's permission, individual results may vary, member FDIC, use only as directed, no warranty expressed or implied...how's them for disclaimers?? :^))

..... for 30 meters (10.1 - 10.15) and a 13.5 IF, the evil critters show up only at 10.125, the bad news is several birdies overlay one another at that frequency, so it will likely be a bad one.

.....for 17 meters (18.068 - 18.168) and 13.5 IF, the critters are at 18.1552, 18.1406, 18.1286, 18.1184, 18.1098, 18.1023, 18.0957, 18.0900. The good news is that even the first of them (18.1552) is due to high order terms and mixing products of signals in the 130 MHz range, so they are not likely to be strong ones.

Jim N5IB

PS built a wood case yesterday for a friend's SW-30+, just about the same size as the SWL enclosure, but of 1/4" thick poplar, 4.5"x3.75"x2" using box joints.
I'll post pictures when it's all finished.

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:50:50 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: kce@chartermi.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126105] Re: re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <3CD546CA.BE23F0D8@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Try Dick Bash, he predated Gordon by at least 5 years or so!

73

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:28:47 -0400
From: "KD3PC" <kd3pc@mindspring.com>
To: <kc4atu@yahoo.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126106] Re: extra lite ???????
Message-ID: <000b01c1f441\$2c7e2280\$0101a8c4@6545>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well Said Bill!!

thanks
dave

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill ROWLETT" <kc4atu@yahoo.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 8:59 AM

Subject: extra lite ???????

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:35:35 -0400

From: w4clm.ham@juno.com

To: brian@iquest.net

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [126107] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.

Message-ID: <20020505.104705.192.2.w4clm.ham@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dear Brian, KB9BVN

No sir I am not stirring the bucket. I learn long ago not to kick the bee hive, I was only stating fact, if you don't know what an Extra Light is.. then maybe you need to open your refrigerator and gulp one down..

Regards

Carol

On Sun, 5 May 2002 09:10:36 -0500 "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net> writes:

> What exactly is an Extra Light?

>

> I just upgraded to Extra, been a ham for 15 years, been a general for 3 years, been a Extra about a week.

> I don't remember seeing the Extra Light class anywhere in my studies. Are you just stirring the bucket?

>

> 73 de KB9BVN

>

>

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <w4clm.ham@juno.com>

> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

> Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2002 11:59 PM

> Subject: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My
> brief
> opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
>
>
> > Go ahead and flame me, but to be honest with you. I am not happy
> > with the way our hobby has progressed. And while there are still
> > many good things about amateur radio, I would not be proud to say
> > I was an Extra Light.
> > Sorry guys !
> > Regards
> > Carol L. Maher
> > W4CLM
> > Charlotte N.C.
> >
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>
>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:19:51 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: w5yr@att.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126108] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <20020505.104705.192.0.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Bob,
What that is exactly what I would like to know ! Hi Hi....
A Personal is what the (Citizens Band) Free Bander types call their
name....these are the wan na be ham radio operators that run between
27.405 and 28.00 Mhz sometimes creeping into the 10 meter C.W. and phone
bands. So you have first personal, and apparently a second personal....
God only knows how many personals you can have. But you hear this now
all over 6 meters, 10 meters and 2 meter / FM phone. I'd rather not get
myself
all worked up or going on another soap box here, but the bottom line I
think the personal
should be kept to themselves and they just learn to speak regular
English for a change. By the way, for anyone else reading my last
postings,
sorry about the typing errors. I type pretty quick and some times my
personal gets in the way !
73's

Carol
W4CLM

On Sun, 05 May 2002 01:09:02 -0500 "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net> writes:

> What is a "personal?"
>
> 73/72/00, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
> Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
> Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting
> better!
> QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6 SOC 262 COG 8 FPQRP 404 TEN-X 11771 I-LINK
> 11735
> Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina 505 DSP #91900556 Icom IC-765
> #02437
>
>
> w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:
> >
> > Thanks for all the E-mail in support of my view.
> > You hit it on the head Bob!
> > Best 73's
> > Personal here is Carol !!
>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:48:50 -0400
From: "J. Duffy Beischel" <duffy01@fuse.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>,
rod@n0rc.com
Subject: [126109] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
Message-ID: <LHC921B9ECXS7B863ZYSOI83505.3cd54652@Beischel1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"

I am also interested, but would like to know if these cases have cutouts for the antenna connector(s), power cable, and obviously the mic connector. Pictures are very vague.

Thanks,

Duffy

5/5/2002 9:42:48 AM, "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com> wrote:

>Before I plunk down \$80, I thought I'd check to see if anybody has one

>they would like to sell.
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>If you don't know what a TacPack is and want info here is the URL:
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><http://www.mountainops.com/>
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>Ft Collins, CO
>
>

J. Duffy Beischel - Amateur Radio WB8NUT - <http://www.wb8nut.com>

Member of: ARRL, NRA, Kiwanis, Republican Party, Masons, and Shriners
and the vast Right Wing conspiracy to get the Clintons

"If the government owned all the guns, would we still be a free people?"

"Taxation WITH Representation is not that great either."

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:51:36 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <kce@chartermi.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126110] Re: re new licensee's
Message-ID: <001801c1f444\$5e971e40\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep, the 'Bash Books'. He'd have guys at every exam ask people for questions. I was never approached, but from what I heard, if you got a 'new' question Bash didn't know about, you got a free book. There was some incentive to get new info.

So, what's the difference to today? The Bash books of yesterday that had the actual exam questions but with a bit of overhead, or today's

question pools with from what I understand is a MUCH larger ration of questions to study to questions on a possible test? Seems to me that today it's much tougher to get 'the book' and know what's coming on the test.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: "ken cubilo electric" <kce@chartermi.net>

> Again I say welcome to the new guys but please, If your gonna join the
> great fraternity of Ham radio- throw away the CB lingo. I was listening
> on both 10M and 2M fm this morning and heard lots of terms like:
> you got stepped on
> personal here is
> well I'm at the 20
> see you later down the ole coax
> and so on.
> Ok, not exactly have to do with qrp but since have heard it in the qrp
> freqs maybe it does. Here if you nicely tell one of these guys
> especially on 2m that hey thats not quite the kind of talk Hams do, your
> more than not likely to be told to go f--k yourself get the idea?
> Here's the problem Joe and Ted get their tech licenses, now they no
> longer have to be on CB or freeband, next thing you know everybody thats
> Joe and TED's CB buddies are getting tech licenses, bingo now they join
> the local club manage to get elected into leader positions due to sheer
> number and the local club is just shot to hell from guys unwilling to
> carry on traditions. Next thing happens is they decide to take the
> challenging CW test and this gets carried onto the HF bands. I always
> welcome the new guy, am more than willing to help him/her out with any
> problems or questions they have provided they don't have a attitude
> problem..... All I gotta say is you Phone guys if and when they drop the
> CW requirement are gonna get what you asked for and more in this deal.
> And may God have mercy on the CW guys as we slowly sink down to 20 khz
> subbands.
> ken w8ob
> --
> SUPPORT RADIO-TELEGRAPH THE VOICE OF THE PROFESSIONAL RADIO OP.
> MEMBER FISTS, QCWA, SOWP, VWOA, QRPARC-I AND FPQRP-I
>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:53:51 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <ae5x@qsl.net>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126111] Re: re taking ham exams
Message-ID: <003301c1f444\$ad0f5060\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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I'm pretty sure West just did the newsletters. Bash had the exam books,
commonly called the 'Bash Books'.

Mike

----- Original Message -----
From: "John Harper AE5X" <ae5x@qsl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 7:49 AM
Subject: Re: re taking ham exams

> Wasn't it Gordon West?
>
> John Harper AE5X
> Outdoor QRP & 80m DXing: <http://www.ae5x.com>
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>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:58:55 -0500
From: W2EB <w2eb@twcnny.rr.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126112] My Latest Project (was re: plea)
Message-ID: <3CD556BF.4CC4CDAC@twcnny.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK folks here goes,

For the past several weeks, I've been working on my first ever
PIC-based project. It's a digital RF power meter. It uses an Analog
Devices AD8310 as the RF to DC converter, and a Texas Instruments

TLC1549 ADC. The PIC converts the logarithmic output of the '8310 into BCD outputs for the displays.

If anyone wants more details, it'll be entered at FDIM.

73,

Bill
W2EB

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:56:48 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>,
"Roy" <marion@montana.com>
Subject: [126113] Re: IT'S OFFICIAL
Message-ID: <005201c1f445\$16cdee80\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Seems to me they do now, just some people are too dense to notice.

More questions, broader coverage, and question pools that are published but the ration of the number of questions in public knowledge to the number

of questions on the test are MUCH higher than what was in the public knowledge (the Bash Books) to on the test.

Mike

----- Original Message -----
From: "Roy" <marion@montana.com>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>; "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 9:46 AM
Subject: Re: IT'S OFFICIAL

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Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 10:58:55 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w4clm.ham@juno.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126114] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
Message-ID: <006e01c1f445\$61c66fc0\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It seems to me that the only people who are REALLY concerned with
the 'extra vs extra lite' and what they mean is the people who feel
cheated
because they had to do it the old way...

Mike

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 08:09:23 -0700
From: "Dave Martin" <nb7n@seanet.com>
To: "qrp-1" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126115] test do not read
Message-ID: <000501c1f446\$d87f6440\$b4a32640@davemartin>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 11:16:08 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: myetsko@insydesw.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126116] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
Message-ID: <20020505.111608.192.7.w4clm.ham@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

10-4

On Sun, 5 May 2002 10:58:55 -0400 "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
writes:

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> the 'extra vs extra lite' and what they mean is the people who feel
> cheated because they had to do it the old way...
> Mike

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 11:26:35 -0400
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126117] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief
opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
Message-ID: <3CD54F2B.9134D935@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

So let's go back to the "old way" of Model T's, take down all of the
satellites, and get stop medical procedures developed after 1940.

Damn if anything changes...that we can't have!

Paul K4FB

w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:

> 10-4
>
> On Sun, 5 May 2002 10:58:55 -0400 "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
> writes:
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> > the 'extra vs extra lite' and what they mean is the people who feel
> > cheated because they had to do it the old way...
> > Mike

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 11:27:13 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <w4clm.ham@juno.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126118] Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT / Code speed & extra / My brief opinion, a little more then .2 cents worth.
Message-ID: <00c701c1f449\$56a18360\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I rest my case!

----- Original Message -----

From: <w4clm.ham@juno.com>
> 10-4
>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 11:39:48 -0400
From: "Mike Lyness, AF4LQ" <olyellr@iglou.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126119] Apology for my rude comment (re: It's Official or whatever)
Message-ID: <00d101c1f44b\$179a5780\$b0ecffcc@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Don't mean to keep this thing going but feel the need to clarify. Yesterday I replied to one of the "IT'S OFFICIAL" posts with my comment that "5wpm isn't wrist action, it's braindead".

I'd like to apologize for my poor choice of wording to all the folks who enjoy CW and are at the 5wpm level or thereabouts for whatever reason.....ie: just beginning, physical limitaions, time restraints, likes slow code, tested after restructuring, etc., etc. While I love the mode and operate CW-only, I'm definitely no expert or "high-speed CW op" myself, and my comment was insulting and I regret wording it as I did.

I make no apology for my beliefs or for what I meant to say, just for being an insensitive clod.

Tnx for the BW. Enjoy CW at any speed.

73, af4lq
<http://members.iglou.com/olyellr/>

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.351 / Virus Database: 197 - Release Date: 4/19/02

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:58:08 -0500
From: bob evinger <wd9eka@evinger.com>
To: qrp <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126120] [Fwd: feeling Cheated,no]
Message-ID: <3CD55690.8050207@evinger.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Since I was one that responded to the extra lite things and I typically like reading your contributions to qrpl.

I dont feel "cheated" by the changes that have transpired with the testing situation in recent times. I "unfortunately" become eligible for qwca this month. Unfortunate because I hate to think that I have been on this planet long enough to have been doing anything for 25 years straight in a row. I am a young one though, licensed in high school so I still have hopefully a long time to go.

I try to keep an open mind about "most" things, there are a few things that I will not sway to far on. Cheapening of morals and education are probably my 2 hotspots because I have 3 young children and I see what the results of trying to even the bar up for everybody can result in. Letting someone pass through a grade because we dont want to hurt their self confidence doesnt accomplish anything but the dumbing down process and probably has longer term impact on those that do have the ability.

to make it somewhat QRP related:
Personally feel that the question pools publishing is not the problem as

much as some peoples attitude and the lack of enforcement on most any laws. Excessive power isnt just what is in the rule as being "x" watts, its using more than is necessary to get the job done and that goes for the people that feel that they need a 300 hp car to do anything but to tow a very large object.

hope to work you on the bands if I can just find the time to turn the radio on with all the other irons in the fire right now :(

73
bob

On Sun, 5 May 2002 10:58:55 -0400 "Mike Yetzko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
> writes:

> > It seems to me that the only people who are REALLY concerned with
> > the 'extra vs extra lite' and what they mean is the people who feel
> > cheated because they had to do it the old way...
> > Mike

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Bob Evinger WD9EKA/AAR5MG(Army MARS operator)
If Guns Cause Crime, Then Matches Cause Arson.

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 12:13:35 -0400
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126121] AM radio Query
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20020505120935.00ab67a0@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Thanks for all the replies gang, I received some really good ideas.... but what else would one expect from this great group.:-)
73 Pete NV4V

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 12:30:20 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: w4clm.ham@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126122] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <3CD55E1C.19B1199@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

exactly, If my FT1500 wasn't such a great police/fd scanner I would have it for sale cheap. I just can't take it anymore imagine the poor dude that walks into a store or professional building with a HT strapped to his belt and everyone hears this garbage... embarrassing to say the least.
ken w8ob

w4clm.ham@juno.com wrote:

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> Hi Bob,
> What that is exactly what I would like to know ! Hi Hi....
> A Personal is what the (Citizens Band) Free Bander types call their
> name....these are the wan na be ham radio operators that run between
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> Carol
> W4CLM
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> > 11735
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> > #02437
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MEMBER FISTS, QCWA, SOWP, VWOA, QRPARC-I AND FPQRP-I

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 16:41:09 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>
To: duffyb01@fuse.net,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126123] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020505163523.01eac8e0@pop.erols.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I took some quick photos of the one for the K1 and uploaded them as a
simple web page. Take a look.

<http://www.erols.com/lejek/pictures/tacpac.htm>

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p/>

At 10:48 AM 5/5/2002 -0400, J. Duffy Beischel wrote:
>I am also interested, but would like to know if these cases have cutouts
>for the antenna connector(s), power cable, and
>obviously the mic connector. Pictures are very vague.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 12:45:18 -0400
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126124] My Latest Project
Message-ID: <005201c1f454\$3dec6fa0\$39d81b41@cinci.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK ...my turn...

Doing my first "real" attempt at a PCB using ExpressPCB.
The circuit is the PLL from the multipig rig located at
<http://www.fpqrp.com/pigg20/MPIX/pll.gif> slightly modified.
Also will include a freq counter and VCO lock LED.

Once the PCB is completed and debugged, I plan on offering
kits for sale, most likely right after FDI/Dayton.
Don't have a price yet, but the PLL is designed to operate
from 5 to 25 MHz, great as VFO using a 4.9152 IF freq.

more to follow...

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39.218N - 84.305W
SOC-8 DLQRPAG-1454 ARCI-10226 ARS-781 QRPL-1998 10X-9389 CATT-26
FP#-1 <http://home.cinci.rr.com/w8diz> & <http://kitsandparts.com>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 18:12:14 +0400
From: "Oleg V. Borodin" <master72@lipetsk.ru>
To: <dave@dpomeroy.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126125] Re: 2n2-40
Message-ID: <000101c1f454\$0d1cb560\$c1e422c3@lipetsk.ru>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dave!

I'm agree with you 100%. Because all over my radio-life use homebrewed
equipment only. Just a last time I'm using a semi-industrial tcvr kit
NorCal-20 presented by G-QRP Club's members (TNX!)
Wish 73 es 72! Hope to meet you at 20m CW.
Oleg RV3GM/QRP

> Gang,
> I'm working on my 2n2-40. Have the vfo done and its a little weak on
> output. Measures 1 1/4 volts PEP. I think I need about 3 volts
> PEP. anyway I'm having fun. I also am starting on the Progressive
> receiver. I'll keep you posted. Sure looks like a good thing to have an
> all homebrew station.

>
> Dave Pomeroy K7DNP South Eastern Washington
>
>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 12:49:47 -0400
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
To: <dave@dpomeroy.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126126] Re: 2n2-40
Message-ID: <B8FADAEB.27E9%john@wagner-usa.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Dave,

Is that 1.25v across the entire tuning range of the VFO? Also, you need to get your tuning range within specs as well, so it would be helpful to know what it is.

73,

John, N1Q0

> From: Dave Pomeroy <dave@dpomeroy.com>
> Reply-To: dave@dpomeroy.com
> Date: Sat, 04 May 2002 16:12:07 -0700
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Subject: 2n2-40
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Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 09:57:27 -0700 (PDT)
From: Richard Fisher <ki6sn@yahoo.com>
To: QRP-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: KI6SN@aol.com
Subject: [126127] ARS Spartan Sprint is Monday
Message-ID: <20020505165727.46235.qmail@web12103.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

The Adventure Radio Society's May Spartan Sprint will be held on Monday evening, May 6, local time - our usual day and time period.

Spartan Sprints are two-hour contests sponsored by ARS, held the first Monday of every month. They are designed to encourage development and testing of lightweight radio gear suitable for outdoor human-powered QRP expeditions.

Start at 9:00 PM EST, 8:00 CST, 7:00 MST and 6:00 PST. Finish at 11:00 PM EST, 10:00 CST, 9:00 MST and 8:00 PST.

The frequencies will be 3560+- kHz, 7040 kHz+-, 14060 kHz+-, 21060 kHz+-, and 28060 kHz+-. (You may operate any number of bands - your choice.)

Exchange RST, SPC (state, province or country) and power output.

If you choose to call CQ, use the format "CQ SP," or "CQ QRP TEST."

You can take credit for working the same station on a second, third, or fourth band.

We report scores in two ways. The Skinny Division reports scores as a ratio of contacts to the weight of the station. The Tubby Division reports scores as the number of contacts.

"Station Weight" is defined as the combined weight of all transmitters, receivers, keys, keyers and batteries used during the Sprint. We use decimal pounds, rather than pounds and ounces. You may report your weight to the nearest 10th of a pound, or, at your option, the nearest 100th of a pound. For stations weighing less than one pound, we recommend the nearest 100th of a pound.

The Sprints are virtual expeditions. They allow a wide range of people to participate in this exciting branch of amateur radio, even if practical obstacles (like winter weather, health problems, or schedule conflicts) would make an actual expedition impossible. ARS announces each Sprint in three ways:

Most sprinters will operate from their home locations, but portable locations may be used. Transmitter output is limited to five watts or less.

We would like to motivate sprinters to develop and use radios that are packaged well enough for outdoor environments. Packaging is one of the legitimate elements of a great trail friendly radio, and we would like to see what kinds of packages are created by the remarkably creative Spartan Sprinters.

We have the Skinny and Tubby divisions, and you are free to choose between a monster radio, or a trail-oriented one. If you go for the second choice, we are asking you to package it so that it could withstand the rigors of outdoor life.

Sprinters are strongly encouraged to use our automated contest reporting system, which can be found in The ARS Sojourner. Participants may also e-mail their sprint results directly to the ARS Contest Manager, Russ Carpenter, AA7QU at: russ@natworld.com

Please submit your results by Wednesday afternoon after each Spartan Sprint. Contest results are reported by The ARS Sojourner, the QRP-L Internet Group, and in direct email to ARS members. If you email your results, please include the following:

- + Your full name and callsign
- + Date of the sprint
- + Total number of completed QSOs, and
The weight of your station
- + You may also want to add soapbox information, such as the equipment used, your operating location, interesting contacts, successes and challenges.

You don't need to be a member of ARS to participate in the Spartan Sprints, but we would welcome your interest in becoming a member. Inquiries may be directed to ARS' membership chairman: Richard Fisher, KI6SN, 1940 Wetherly Way, Riverside, CA 92506 (e-mail KI6SN@aol.com).

Do You Yahoo!?
Yahoo! Health - your guide to health and wellness
<http://health.yahoo.com>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 13:01:51 -0400

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <kce@chartermi.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126128] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <002101c1f456\$9cd11f00\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Oh come on... If you're that embarrassed by being a HAM, get out. Sell that FT cheap. (And I'll be in line to buy it!)

Seriously, I've heard the EXACT same argument before. YEARS before. In the 1970's in fact. LONG before any of this 'freebanding' or 'lite' crap. There was always a group of HAMs that wanted their own private little space because they didn't like the 'socializing aspect' of how HAM radio was changing.

I still remember a HAM who made a STINK about 2M and the people who were one there one day (this was I think in 1978) when someone made a comment about a '20' for a location. The guy almost turned beet red, and went on a tirade in public about moving to UHF!

Know what was really embarrassing? The fact that I had to stand there while this IDIOT made a PUBLIC scene about it and knowing that I was 'associated' with this jerk! I just wanted to melt away. Slip my HT off my belt and hide it until I could get away...

And know what? It wasn't the CB newbies to HAM radio that pulled this stuff, it was the OLD GUARD people. Not of any one class, but just the people who felt they had to defend HAM radio from the souless heathen who would debase it!

Made me ashamed to be a HAM. In fact, I stayed away from those kind of people ever since. I'd rather be with people who are 'low key' about it. The kind that DO things, not try to be brain proud and show off their 'skills' or 'procedures' and put down the newbies because they slip on the jargon. In fact, I'd rather be with the new CBer who is just learning how fun HAM radio can be. The guy that's trying to figure out how to build an antenna, even if he's getting it wrong most of his attempts. The guy who's trashed a rig because he got in and tried to solder something wrong. The guy who is always trying to figure out how something works and make it work another way...

Sorry, maybe I pick the wrong side of the tracks for who I'd rather associate with. But it sure as HXXX ain't the side of the tracks

that.puts

people down for a slip on the jargon, or where they came from, or their areas of interest in HAM radio!

And I'd be less embarrassed at people around me hearing the CB converts on 2M than I would some of the stuff I've had to 'tune away' from on 20M. Or the top end of 40. Know what? Last summer I found myself APOLOGIZING to a bunch of scouts at the scout camp. I had taken my K2 and set it up to work the Jamboree. Only the group of scouts and leaders listening one day had to contend with an EXTRA who came in and actually BERATED the scout operating from the Jamboree, and demanded to speak to the 'control operator'. Know why? He wanted to use the frequency as AM!

What a LID. (And yes, I KNOW who the guy is, and I KNOW where he's from. He's actually local to me up here in New England. If I ever run into him in person, I hope I can turn and walk away without blowing up at the idiot...)

It's NOT the newbies, it's not even the CBers with attitude. The problem is ourselves, and as long as we keep up this 'class distinction' stuff of older is better, or 'real ham', it's never gonna go away.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: "ken cubilo electric" <kce@chartermi.net>

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 09:55:49 -0800
From: Jim Larsen - AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126129] ARRL Handbooks For Sale - 1978, 79, 86
Message-ID: <3CD57225.DF6C8E43@ARRL.NET>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings from Alaska,

I have some ARRL Handbooks I no longer need or have room for. They're all in good shape but with some light wear...no loose pages or broken spines. These are three more I found after all the others I had were sold in hours.

Here's the list...price includes Media Mail (book rate) USPS shipping in the USA:

Old Style Smaller Format books:

1978 - Paperback - \$10

New Style Current Size Format books:

1979 - Paperback - \$10

1986 - Paperback - \$12 This one is huge and weighs twice 1979

I'll take check, money order, or PayPal from checking account only (no charge cards).

Email off-list if interested.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska

(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West

mailto:al7fs@arrl.net - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 10:11:42 -0800
From: Jim Larsen - AL7FS <AL7FS@ARRL.NET>
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126130] Technical Books For Sale
Message-ID: <3CD575DE.9738C0D5@ARRL.NET>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have some technical book I no longer have room for. They're all in good shape but with some light wear...no loose pages or broken spines.

Here's the list...price includes Media Mail (book rate) USPS shipping in the USA:

The Complete FM 2-Way Radio Handbook, by Clayton L. Hallmark
\$5.00

Understanding Solid State Electronics, 3rd Edition, Developed and
published by Texas Instruments Learning Center and sold by Radio Shack.
\$5.00

Understanding Digital Electronics, Developed and published by Texas
Instruments Learning Center and sold by Radio Shack.
\$5.00

I'll take check, money order, or PayPal from checking account only (no
charge cards).

Email off-list if interested.

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska
(BP51cc) - 61.101 North, 149.824 West
mailto:al7fs@arrl.net - <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 14:13:48 -0400
From: ken cubilo electric <kce@chartermi.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126131] re cb lingo on ham bands
Message-ID: <3CD5765C.2E67BFA6@chartermi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

No I am not kidding, this is embarrassing just as much as your friend
getting all hot in public over hearing it. If you think this is the
proper way to talk on the radio just once try it on a MARS net or some
of the other nets out there. "The personal here" is easier to tolerate
than " I'm at the home 20 now" or "catch you later down the ole coax".
I just think if some one is proud of his or her accomplishment getting
into ham radio, they should try to act that way. Mike like you I too get
more out of working with the new guys and their excitement to ham radio.
Nothing personal intended. By the way Carol looked at your web
pages....WOW that's a ham station
ken w8ob

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 14:17:07 -0400
From: BOB MASON <skydive@usa.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126132] More shack cleaning
Message-ID: <20020505181707.2489.qmail@cmsweb26.cms.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Still trying to find the floor. Came across a brand new, still in the box
Kenwood TK-840 UHF commercial radio. Its about three to four years since
these went out of production. It does LTR trunking and conventional
operation. 25 watts, alpha-numeric display, and scan. Memory for 308
conventional channels, 32 trunking systems, 250 trunking groups. A remnant of
my (unfortunately) unforgettable days owning a two-way radio company. =

Will trade for pretty much any sort of QRP radio, antenna tuner, solid state
SW receiver, boat anchor gear, anything that might be useful and opposed to
taking up space. What ya got?

Bob WB8CAC
skydive@usa.net

K1 #1150, QRP-ARCI 11116 , FISTS 6970, CP-35, Shoe Size 10 1/2
<http://web.infoave.net/~masoste/wb8cac> =

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 14:29:43 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126133] Good Ol' Factory Trouble Shootin'
Message-ID: <0205051429432H.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Nice thing about tube stuff, wehn it "lets the smoke out" it doesn't mess around! Those little IC's may let out a small puff, but you'd never notice it. Right now, I've got all the windows open upstairs, and a fan going.

Seems I was working a little 20M with the NC-101X and the Signal Shifter. I heard a little popping in the headphones...then a little popping OUTSIDE the headphones, then a little sizzle, boiling noises...and SMELL! Looks like a electrolytic gave up the ghost. Should be easy to find, just look for the drips..oddly, the receiver was still working when I shut off the power.

Hope it airs out before the XYL gets home.

(If you didn't get the Subject..think about it)

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John L Sielke W2AGN
w2agn@w2agn.net
http://www.w2agn.net

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 13:46:09 -0500
From: "Karl Kanalz" <kkanalz@gcecispc.com>
To: <kce@chartermi.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126134] Mr. Bash & taking ham exams
Message-ID: <NFBBKOMEFGJGEBABODPOAEACDAA.kkanalz@gcecispc.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="US-ASCII"
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You were right the first time, Ken.... The guy's name was indeed "Bash", but I'm not sure of his first name. He caused a *lot* of stir in the ham kingdom with his method of "cheating" (by trying to finagle the genuine FCC questions from the test-takers) and then producing alleged "study guides" for want-to-be hams ... he was indeed before Gordon West and even before W5YI got into the examination "business".

Karl K - W8TIF
McKinney, Texas

-----Original Message-----
From: ken cubilo electric
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 7:50 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
Subject: Re: re taking ham exams

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Ken W80B

John Harper AE5X wrote:
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> Wasn't it Gordon West?
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> John Harper AE5X

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 14:53:04 -0400
From: "Tom Curtola" <tcurtola@rogers.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126135] My Latest Project
Message-ID: <002e01c1f466\$16fb6420\$f44a9c18@bloor.phub.net.cable.rogers.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just completed the main board of a Heathkit HW-8. This kit was bought a month ago from a friend, Tom Hamblin VA3HM at a very very good price. (Thanks Tom) He has had it in storage, unbuilt for over 25 years. After it is completed, I will be implementing some modifications that have been created over the years for this transceiver, and a couple that he himself has designed. Dual RIT so you can switch from one side of the signal to the other if you are being QRM'd. Built-in SWR and Dummy Load. Voltage stabilization, etc. etc.

This is my first, and probably my last and only Heathkit (God rest their souls). I am totally amazed at how well Heathkit put together their kits. Every part is as indicated. The circuit board silk screening is incredible. Details like different shape outlines for different type capacitors. Example; hourglass shape for mylar, rectangle for mica, oval for ceramics. The circuit board itself could probably withstand a blowtorch for heat. You couldn't get the foil to lift up if you wanted to. The step by step instructions are so detailed and the pictorials are a marvel. When doing the parts inventory, it was such a pleasure opening

the component envelopes and inhale the 25+ year old Benton Harbor, MI air that has been trapped inside. Aaahhh! :-)

I'm so glad I'm having the opportunity to build a Heathkit and see how things were done back in the sixties and seventies. Truly is a shame that Heathkit is now defunct.

So that's what QRP related stuff I've been doing.

Tom
VA3TY
Toronto, Ontario - Canada
tcurtola@rogers.com

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 12:56:18 -0600
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,
"Elecraft-list" <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [126136] Re: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack
Message-ID: <002501c1f466\$8ac1c200\$6401a8c0@greyrock>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OOPS forgot to mention I want this for a K2. (Thanks Paul)

73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins, CO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 7:42 AM
Subject: WTB Mountain Ops TacPack

> Before I plunk down \$80, I thought I'd check to see if anybody has
> one
> they would like to sell.
>
> If you don't know what a TacPack is and want info here is the URL:
>
> <http://www.mountainops.com/>

>
> 73, Rod NØRC
> Ft Collins, CO
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>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 14:00:24 -0500
From: "Dan Reynolds" <bcdlr@insightbb.com>
To: "qrp-L Reflector \ (qrp-L Reflector\)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126137] RE: Plea!
Message-ID: <000001c1f467\$1d18fbf0\$0100a8c0@c1641599a>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've been waiting for an in. This is not about the old CW vs. SSB vs. whatever debate. I like CW but have never been real good at copying (I know, I know...). So, it was a little frustrating. I recently traded radios, got a Kenwood TS-140S, and built an LDG QRP auto tuner. My antenna had been a Vee, 65' at the apex, in a pine tree, and built right with really good ladder line feeding it. Well, as luck would have it one of the legs broke off. Didn't tune so good with one leg. So, I tied the ends of the ladder line together, fed it with coax and grounded the shield. Seemed to work pretty good. Got on 17 meters one day, about 2 months ago, and tried making an SSB contact. Worked a guy in Idaho. He can't believe I'm only running 10 watts, and that I'm doing it with 115' of wire thrown out my window. Course I'm not believing it either. Then I tried 15. Worked a guy in Wales on SSB. Then it gets fun. I bagged Austria, Netherlands, France, Siberia, Guyana, El Salvador, Argentina, Venezuela, and England. Some of have been on 20 meters but most were on 17 meters. All at 10 watts, SSB. When the DX stations are in there I just wait patiently and send my call. Sooner or later I get heard and make a contact. And I can hear the big guns in there. You know when you're done keying the mike your headphones blow off! I really didn't know ham radio could be so fun. I'm having a blast. Oh, and when they ask and I tell them 10 watts to a wire - it blows them away. I've had a couple of guys turn off their amps and ask me how they're doing. I had to laugh, last weekend was the MARC hamfest in Arthur, IL and there was a kid trying to convince me why I needed his dad's linear amplifier. I just chuckled and said no thanks. Someday I need someone to show me how to work my RIT on SSB. I understand the concept but I've not yet had to do it for DX.

Dan Reynolds KB9JL0

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 15:07:49 -0400
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <kkanalz@gcecis.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126138] Re: Mr. Bash & taking ham exams
Message-ID: <003501c1f468\$29eda1e0\$0600a8c0@charter.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm not sure when Dick Bash got started, but I know he was around before 1980. As to Fred and his W5YI Report, I'm pretty sure that was going on in 1980 too, but not 100% certain. There was also the 'Yellow Sheets' for trading gear. You had to subscribe to get those. Was West associated with that?

Mike

----- Original Message -----
From: "Karl Kanalz" <kkanalz@gcecis.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 2:46 PM
Subject: Mr. Bash & taking ham exams

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 15:17:05 -0400
From: Jim Campbell <jim-c@nc.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126139] Exams Through the Years
Message-ID: <3CD58531.F0AF384B@nc.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

There have always been study guides for both amateur and commercial exams. There have always been people who tried to take a shortcut to success. Most played the game according to the rules, but some did not. There were attempts at shortcuts prior to Dick Bash and Gordon Moore. I was an FCC license examiner in the mid-fifties. I remember a fellow who came in to take the general exam. He was totally unprepared. He spent a lot of time studying the questions on the exam so that he could later look up the answers. Needless to say, he failed. I also remember him coming back a month later and applying again. Everyone in the vicinity would remember the wail that he put up when he realized that the new exam was different from the original. He failed again. I don't remember seeing him again.

The recent thread about the ease of memorizing answers for the exam bothers me. Yes, it is possible, and I'm sure that some do. However, there are others who study hard to pass the exam. About this time last year, I decided to upgrade from Advanced to Extra. Not because of the status or extra frequencies, but because I am retired from a technical job and wanted to learn something new technically. I purchased the ARRL Extra Class License Manual. I studied each chapter diligently until I understood the theory. I checked my understanding by taking the chapter

tests. If I missed a question, obviously I didn't understand the theory, so I went back and studied some more. (At the age of 65, I had to work extra hard, because my retention isn't what it used to be.)

There is one section of the Extra Class exam that bothered me. That related to the feeding of two quarter-wave verticals and the resulting pattern. To get that question correct I would have had to memorize the answers, and that I refused to do.

After almost three months of studying, I took the test and missed two questions. I believe one of them was related to the quarter-wave verticals.

I consider the Extra Class License Manual to be a valuable reference. It is on my desk right beside the ARRL Handbook and ARRL Antenna book. I refer to it regularly. I believe that I understand most of the theory in it. If I come across something I don't understand, it's back to the book.

Bottom line. Just because it is possible to memorize the answers from the question pool, please don't assume (or imply) that everyone does. Some of us actually worked very hard to understand the underlying theory, and passed the test because of knowledge and not memorization. Recently, with tongue in cheek, I wrote of my "pseudo" extra class license. I don't think it is pseudo at all. It is every bit as valid as any of yours. I met all the requirements for the license just as you did. I obtained it by studying, not by taking shortcuts.

Stepping down from my soapbox now and going back to the joy of assembling a Ten-Tech 6-meter transverter for my K2.

72/73,

Jim
W4BQP

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 12:13:27 -0700
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <kc4atu@yahoo.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126140] Re: extra lite ???????
Message-ID: <00f801c1f46a\$79b94420\$89d856d1@tjnotebook>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Well said Bill! BTW didn't we have this pointless, idiotic thread a couple of months ago? Don't you guys have anything better to write about?

73's Trev KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill ROWLETT" <kc4atu@yahoo.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Sunday, May 05, 2002 5:59 AM

Subject: extra lite ???????

> What the hell is an extra lite? When I look at the
> classes of licenses I do not see any "EXTRA LITE".
> These people take a written test which has a larger
> pool of questions then most of older extra's did, They
> combined the advanced and extra together to make the
> extra exam we have today. Think about it, would you
> want to take your old advanced and extra in the same
> test. After June, the extra pool will increase to over
> 800 questions. Try and memorize it. Even now with the
> 600 or 700 questions, you don't memorize it.
>
> Not all ham's work in an industry which has anything
> to do with electronics. I am a trained fine and graphic
> artist. It an't easy for me or them at times. We do
> the best we can. This EXTRA LITE put down is just
> that. A PUT DOWN.
>
> I hear some of the same questions you related to asked
> by those who got there extra years ago. I know several
> who got the ticket back 10 years and they still don't
> know any more then they did as a novice. THEY
> MEMORIZED IT.
>
> You an't perfect and I'm not either, but I do try to
> treat all people the same. This is a hobby, not life
> and death as some of you think. If you want to be
> thought of as a good ham, go out and ELMER the people
> you complain about.
>
> Just so you don't think of me as a GENERAL LITE, I
> started with a Novice ticket, then went to Tech and
> now General. I may or may not upgrade, I can do all I
> want with the general and the lower 25 is not that
> important to me as trying to make friends on the air.
> In this country and across the ponds.

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> Bill kc4atu
>
> HF QRP, VHF & UHF cw/ssb
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> Do You Yahoo!?
> Yahoo! Health - your guide to health and wellness
> <http://health.yahoo.com>
>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 14:27:46 -0500
From: "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
To: <tcurtola@rogers.com>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126141] Re: My Latest Project
Message-ID: <200205051927.0AA02634@gallium.eosinc.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
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On Sun, 05 May 2002 14:53:04 -0400, Tom Curtola wrote:

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>how things were done back in the sixties and seventies. Truly= is
>a shame that Heathkit is now defunct.
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The HW-8 was one of my first projects after getting married years= ago. My wife helped sort parts and I built. When it was all= finished
K9CNP helped with alignment, etc.

Thanks for the memory!

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Tim, N9PUZ, n9puz@arrl.net on 05/05/2002

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 15:29:06 -0400
From: "Ken Simpson, W8EK" <W8EK@fdt.net>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126142] Autek Keyer FS
Message-ID: <031f01c1f46b\$208a5820\$f0d2d143@toshiba>

For Sale:

Autek MK-1 CMOS Memory keyer
This is a very nice keyer. It has more memories than one can use (or so it seems), plus some of them can be linked, so you put almost an entire QSO in memory. It is powered by 110 V AC, although I think you could use 12 V DC as well. The speed control also has a "tune" position on it, so you can lock the key for tuning an antenna tuner, or whatever. This unit is in very nice shape. I have not been able to find a scratch on it. The "extended memory option" has already been installed in it. \$ 100 plus shipping from Florida.

Thanks.

73,

Ken, W8EK

Ken Simpson
E-mail to W8EK@fdt.net or W8EK@arrl.net
Voice Phone (352) 732-8400

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 15:36:58 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Trevor Jacobs <fxtech@earthlink.net>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126143] Re: extra lite ???????

Message-ID: <0205051536582J.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
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On Sunday 05 May 2002 15:13, Trevor Jacobs wrote:

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Well, as long as we are speaking of tolerance here, please keep in mind that one person's "pointless, idiotic thread" may be another's "highly stimulating, philosophical discussion."

John L Sielke W2AGN
 w2agn@w2agn.net
 http://www.w2agn.net

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 15:42:21 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126144] Speaking of...
Message-ID: <0205051542212K.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
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Highly stimulating, philosophical discussion, I noticed since I subscribed to "Vintage-radio" and "Boatanchors" I have received more spam trying to sell me Viagra. Is there a connection?

More important, what's good to remove "electrolytic goo?"

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John L Sielke W2AGN
 w2agn@w2agn.net
 http://www.w2agn.net

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 15:42:21 -0400
From: David Hinerman <wd8civ@worldnet.att.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126145] Re: My Latest Project (was re: plea)
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20020505154221.0079c070@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hope there's room on bandwagon for one more:

I've mostly completed a small DDS signal generator using an AD9850 DDS and an Atmel AVR controller. I don't have room for a display, but I have a few extra lines that I think I can use to read a rotary encoder. (I got a cheap encoder from Electronic Goldmine.) Right now I use an RS-232 interface to set and display the frequency.

I'm using the DDS as a VFO for what I hope will be a direct-conversion DSB transceiver using a dual 1-of-4 analog switch (74HC4052) as both receive and transmit mixer. I think it'll switch fast enough for 160M and 75M, and maybe even 40M. We'll see. (I'm not using it as a Tayloe mixer, which gives quadrature signals but requires a clock at 4x the operating frequency. That'll come next.)

The recent discussion of MOSFETs as linear amplifiers has been REALLY interesting, since I'll need something like that for the TX final. I have access to some IRF510s, so maybe I can press one into service. I'd like to get somewhere from 1 to 5 watts out of it.

Now if I can just get an antenna into the air...

Dave

Dave Hinerman
WD8CIV@worldnet.att.net

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 14:50:31 -0500
From: George Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
To: jim-c@nc.rr.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126146] Re: Exams Through the Years (Long)
Message-ID: <20020505.145033.-1560607.0.w0av@juno.com>

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Hello Jim,

I enjoyed your account of FCC exams over the years. Here is mine.

In 1935 (at age 14) I took the Class B ham test (no phone on 20 or 75M) in St. Louis, MO. My total investment was 25 cents for an ARRL license manual and about two bux for a key, tone buzzer and battery. I passed and about 6 weeks later was W9UXQ. All questions and answers were word for word from the ARRL license manual, including the several schematics. The CW test was one minute solid copy at 10WPM, written with an FCC-furnished lead pencil on FCC-furnished paper. The hardest part was trying to keep the pencil from punching through the paper on the rough wooden exam tables! As I recall there were less than 100 questions in the study guide.

A year later (after the mandatory waiting period) I passed the Class B (full privileges) exam in St. Louis. Again, all questions and answers word for word with the ARRL license manual. The first questions was to draw a schematic for a complete AM transmitter. Needless to say, I had memorized that, as I was a CW man up to that point. It seems that there were about 50 questions in the study guide.

In 1941 I passed the FCC 1st class phone test. Again, all questions and answers were word for word from the study guide (not ARRL). The first question was to draw the schematic of a complete broadcast transmitter. Again, memorized from the study guide.

Later in '41 I took the FCC 2nd class radiotelegraph test. Once again, all questions were word for word from a study guide which I had purchased. I recall one question, which required the applicant to draw a sketch of an emergency grid leak for a shipboard MOPA CW rig. It was made of six inches of rubber hose, ends plugged, with a wire stuck in each plug. The CW test was quite routine (no rough exam table this time). I believe it was 25 WPM, but not sure.

So it would appear that current applicants have a lot more to learn (or memorize) that I did many years ago.

Many years later, in 1977, I gave the 2nd class CW test to applicants as an FCC examiner in KC MO; many of the questions which I studied in 1941 were still on the 1977 version! I don't recall seeing the question about an emergency grid leak, however.

FWIW; apologies for the bandwidth.

72/73 de George/W0AV

SOC#101, COG#1, PITA#1, K2 SN 550, WW2 SSN RA37627153, Shoe size 10.5B

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 14:56:08 -0500
From: George Franklin <w0av@juno.com>
To: jim-c@nc.rr.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126147] Re: Exams Through the Years
Message-ID: <20020505.145609.-1560607.1.w0av@juno.com>
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Hello Again Jim,

I forgot to include the fact that when I took the Amateur Extra exam in 1952 (the first year it was given) I also used an ARRL study guide. This time it cost two or three bux instead of 25 cents as in 1935.

All FCC questions were word for word.

What more can I say?

72/73 de George/W0AV

(See previous message for all the excess baggage which usually goes here)

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 12:59:53 -0700
From: "Alan Kaul" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126148] Re: EXTRA LIGHT and related posts....
Message-ID: <002a01c1f46f\$6d319e00\$af25cd18@charterpipeline.com>
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The problem with dicussing license classes suggests that there are a few people posting to the topic with NO CLASS.

Get over it, please....

Progress doomed the spark gap transmitter, the term cycles-per-second, AM

telephony, 20 wpm code speeds as a ham license requirement.... and a lot of other things including Heathkit, the HQ-129x and the HT-37, etc.

If you must, spend a silent two minutes in their honor. Quietly -- and to yourself -- knock yourself out eulogizing their passing.

Then stop whining and move on.

Please and thank-you.

And best 72/73 de alan

Alan Kaul, W6RCL, LaCanada, CA
w6rcl@amsat.org
<http://home.att.net/~alan.kaul/index.html>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 14:09:10 -0600
From: "P.Ermisch" <ermisch@usa.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126149] Re: [My Latest Project]
Message-ID: <20020505200910.8698.qmail@uadv137.cms.usa.net>
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that has been trapped inside. Aaahhh! :-)

<stuff deleted>

When I was a kid in the 60's/70's, my dad bought the Heathkit 23" (I think), color TV kit. I remember thinking, 'Wow, how could anyone do all this stuff?'

I helped him solder some of the boards - must've been before 1975 anyway. It worked well for us for many years after that. After that I got into music instead of electronics but the bug was still inside and now, almost 30 years later, here I am messing around with Pixies and Manhattan construction. I don't have my Extra yet as I like to know the theory rather than the question pool but I know I'll be much better prepared when I do get around to it.

As far as kit quality, I've done Elecraft and I can repeat what others have said about their excellent products. Haven't done TenTec yet, but I hear similar things there.

So spending much more time building than operating (I'm not much of a rag-chewer) but having a blast. I ignore the code/no-code, lite/heavy "discussions" - guess folks need to blow off some steam from time to time but I prefer to keep moving forward. I hope I can plant the 'bug' in my kids a few years from now, too.

Paul KB0LUR

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 13:23:49 -0700
From: Jeff Stai WK6I <wk6i@twistedoak.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126150] Re: extra lite ??????
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.2.20020505132227.057469d8@mail.megapathdsl.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

>From: "Bill ROWLETT" <kc4atu@yahoo.com>

>
>> What the hell is an extra lite? When I look at the
>> classes of licenses I do not see any "EXTRA LITE".

of course not - I am an "Advanced Plus"! ;-)

72/73 - jeff wk6i

Jeff Stai Twisted Oak Winery LLC
Email jds@twistedoak.com
Amateur Radio WK6I
ROC Web Page <http://www.rocstock.org/>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 16:33:39 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: Alan Kaul <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>,
 Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126151] Re: EXTRA LIGHT and related posts....
Message-ID: <0205051633392L.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

On Sunday 05 May 2002 15:59, Alan Kaul wrote:

> Progress doomed the spark gap transmitter, the term cycles-per-second, AM
> telephony, 20 wpm code speeds as a ham license requirement.... and a lot of
> other things including Heathkit, the HQ-129x and the HT-37, etc.

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My HQ-129X works quite well, thank you. News of its doom was highly
exaggerated. AM is also alive and well. CPS and the Spark Gap have, alas,
moved on.

John L Sielke W2AGN
 w2agn@w2agn.net
 <http://www.w2agn.net>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 16:37:40 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126152] Question
Message-ID: <01e601c1f474\$b3ce25e0\$77635cd1@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

Just wondering how I can unsubscribe from the list.

72
Ron
WB3AAL

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 16:41:29 -0400
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126153] Re: Question
Message-ID: <01ef01c1f475\$3c7472a0\$77635cd1@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I found it, now it is time to depart the list. I will join the growing population of Unsubscribers.

My Delete key is worn from all the junk and no real QRP subjects on the list.

72
Ron
WB3AAL

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 15:50:00 -0500
From: "Brice D. Hornback" <bdh@cyberbound.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126154] TINY-TORNADO Micro-Transceiver Kits - FINAL CALL
Message-ID: <002601c1f476\$6c68a480\$6501a8c0@lwrnce01.in.comcast.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=Windows-1252
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Last chance to order a Tiny-Tornado kit. Place your order quickly.
Beginning tomorrow morning no further Tiny-Tornado kit orders will be
accepted as I will be ordering parts and boards to fill the orders.

<http://www.QRPp-I.com>

Check out the "Kits & Parts" page for details. If you have any questions,
please ask.

By the way... I still have a couple TTx1 micro-transmitter kits available as
well...

Thank you all for your interest and support!

73/72/71! de Brice KA8MAV
QRPp International Radio Club
<http://www.QRPp-I.com>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 21:46:37 +0100
From: "Ray Goff" <radioham@gmx.co.uk>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126155] RE: My Latest Project (was re: plea)
Message-ID: <FDE0KGEJJFNPABJIJGDDGEPPEDAA.radioham@gmx.co.uk>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bill,

Great project!

Did you consider the PIC's such as 16c71 which have built in ADC? If so, why
did you reject them? I used one for my SWR bridge and it worked well, the
downside is only 256 levels or 8 bits...

Details of the SWR Bridge, including source code on my web site.

73/72's de Ray g4fon

RSGB, BATC, GQRP-10698
QRP-L 2378, QRP-ARCI 11153
ray@g4fon.co.uk
www.g4fon.co.uk

> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of
> W2EB
> Sent: 05 May 2002 16:59
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: My Latest Project (was re: plea)
>
>
> OK folks here goes,
>
> For the past several weeks, I've been working on my first ever
> PIC-based project. It's a digital RF power meter. It uses an Analog
> Devices AD8310 as the RF to DC converter, and a Texas Instruments
> TLC1549 ADC. The PIC converts the logarithmic output of the '8310 into
> BCD outputs for the displays.
> If anyone wants more details, it'll be entered at FDIM.
>
> 73,
>
> Bill
> W2EB
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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 20:51:31 +0100
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126156] Ten Tec 1340 (unbuilt) fs
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.1.20020505204339.00a49d00@mail.gte.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Unfortunately my business activities have increased (good thing),
severely cutting into my operating and building time (bad thing).

So I would like my ten-tec t-kit 1340 40m transceiver kit to get into the hands of someone who will build and enjoy it. It's new in the box just as it came from Ten Tec. I only opened the box to verify it was in there. The parts are still shrink wrapped. Manual also, of course.

Only catch is that I can only accept PayPal payment on this. But I'll ship it out for \$90 CONUS. A lil more for AK/HI and elsewhere.

Still hoping to built my sw-40+,

tu de Rich

Rich Dailey, KA80KH - Phyllis Dailey, KB4NPI

<<http://home1.gte.net/web22jfw/>>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 16:55:26 -0400
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126157] Extra Crispy
Message-ID: <B8FB147D.280F%john@wagner-usa.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

If there is one, little thing I would like to see go away in Ham Radio, it's this topic.

One of the interesting aspects of it, is that although I've only been a Ham since 1999, I am privy to EVERY SINGLE LICENSING argument that EVER EXISTED in the history of Ham Radio because some people simply won't ever get over something so cotton pickin' stupid!!!!

I'm sort of bummed about people being dubbed "Extra lite." I'm probably an "Extra Medium" myself, 'cause I did pass the 13 WPM General CW test.

But new Extras really only have one choice, and that isn't fair. So I am proposing a few additional license classes be added:

Extra Juicy - This is for the ham thas has some information is just bustin' to get it out there.

Extra Extra - This is for the ham that does stuff that no other hams can do, nor would other hams ever think of doing. He sometimes plays "stump the

dummy" on internet mailing lists.

Extra Large - This is for the ham that goes to the hamfest but never leaves the sausage stand.

Extra Special - This is for the ham that scored 100% on his or her test.

Extra Caring - This ham cares if people say "10-4" or "roger" on the air.

Extra Stinky - We all know one of these.

OK - I feel better now.

73,

John, N1Q0

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 17:02:09 -0400
From: W2AGN <w2agn@w2agn.net>
To: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>,
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126158] Re: Extra Crispy
Message-ID: <0205051702092N.04101@jsielke>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

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> 73,
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> John, N1QO

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You left ff your Subject:

Extra Crispy - The ham who sticks his hand in his linear with the plate voltage on.

and of course:

Extra Sauce - too many 807s

Extra- aneous - what this post probably is.

John L Sielke W2AGN
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<http://www.w2agn.net>

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 17:22:08 -0400
From: JD <w1jd@drix.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126159] Re: Extra Crispy
Message-ID: <3CD5A280.5E371695@drix.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

How bout EXTRA DUMB -- for those that continue on with this useless subject..

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> John L Sielke W2AGN
> w2agn@w2agn.net
> http://www.w2agn.net
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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 16:32:23 -0500
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@9plus.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126160] =?iso-8859-1?Q?KN5TX_=96__QSLs_for_QRPTTF_2002?=
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20020505163223.00847d30@mail.9plus.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Anyone wishing to exchange QRPTTF QSLs with KN5TX the NETXQRP club, QSL via W5USJ.

No SASE required!

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ
290 Rains Co Rd 4254
Point, TX 75472

This will be a special KN5TX card and not available via eQSL.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
QRP-ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, 6 Club #201, SMIRK #6275
Zombie #759, QRPp-I #115, COG #11, NETXQRP <http://www.netxqrp.org>

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 16:33:41 -0500
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126161] RE: Plea!--I've gone power mad!!
Message-ID: <01C1F452.9EB8EEA0.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My latest obsession is power. Measuring it, that is.

Until recently, I didn't even have a simple QRP level power meter. But lately I've gotten a little taken with power measuring schemes and built (1) A W7EL QRP power meter, (2), The Microwatter, from QST, and (3), the Kanga power instrument also from QST.

The W7EL is a great little meter from the February, 1990 QST. It's an in-line meter that measures power in three ranges-- 100 mW, 1 W and 10 W. I was able to find out that my various 5-watt QRP rigs really weren't. Time to do some tweaking. And the low ranges should be good for inter-stage testing on some projects.

The Microwatter is from QST, June 1997. It's a terminating wattmeter that can measure from -50 dBm (10 nanowatts) to -20 dBm (10 microwatts). You can get the board and couple of semi-hard to find parts in a deal from Far Circuits. With all this talk about little-bitty dBm's from the experts, I just thought I had to do this one. Not sure exactly why, but it's just too cool to be able to measure down into the nanowatt region.

So I finally get the Microwatter about half done and up pops the "Simple

RF-Power Measurement" circuit in the June 2001 QST by Wes Hayward and Bob Larkin. It exploits the latest power measuring ICs to produce a simple circuit that can measure down to -70 dBm (0.1 nanowatts) up to +13 dBm (20 milliwatts), plus there's a power dividing tap that can extend the top end up to +50 dBm (100 watts). This one is available as a kit of parts from Kanga at a fairly reasonable price. An article in the current QEX shows some extensions. Scaling the output voltage to give a direct readout in dBm on your DVM seems like a worthwhile mod.

I originally thought that one of the logarithmic meters like the Microwattter or the Hayward/Larkin meter would be good for measuring crystal parameters. (The latest rage and something I want to break in to.) But on reflection, the accuracy I'd want would probably be better obtained from a simple peak reading diode type instrument with an amplifier in front of it, then with a wide-range logarithmic power meter. Something like the circuits in W1FB's Design Notebook (ARRL) or Jim Kortegge's circuits in the Atlanticon Compendium will be my best bet.

It was fun to just hook that super-sensitive power meter up to a wire antenna and see what the signals would look like unamplified. I had a good idea, because an AM BC station a couple miles away used to block me big time on 160. So I made a coil and variable capacitor resonator like an old crystal radio (even used a toilet paper tube) and fed the output to the meter instead of to a crystal and headphone. The meter jumped way upscale, but tuning didn't have much effect. Guess I need to brush up on my crystal set theory. Maybe the 50 ohm tap and load are killing the Q.

One of the neat things on the AM BC thing is seeing the power indication deflect downward on modulation peaks. How come it does that? I'd have expected the opposite.

OK--plea answered?

72--Nick, WA5BDU

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 17:08:51 -0400
From: w4clm.ham@juno.com
To: kce@chartermi.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [126162] Re: AMEN Re: Confession of an EXTRA LIGHT....
Message-ID: <20020505.173652.1188.2.w4clm.ham@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks Ken,
That is why I primarily stick to 7.040 C.W. and A.M. phone.
I don't want to hear a shit fist when I am trying to work a station
that is suppose to have a general or advance license. If need be, I will
move into the
lower 25 Kc of the band and stay there. I don't think it will come
to that but we will see how it all plays out once the entire
CW sub bands are wide open for all with 5 Wpm tickets / Extra lights or
whom ever you want to call them. I have found recently that most of
these
folks float to their own level on incompetence, thus they level out on 2
meter FM
and 10 meters between 28.300 and 28.5 Mhz.
Best Regards & 73's
Carol
W4CLM

On Sun, 05 May 2002 12:30:20 -0400 ken cubilo electric
<kce@chartermi.net> writes:
> exactly, If my FT1500 wasn't such a great police/fd scanner I would
> have it for sale cheap. I just can't take it anymore imagine the poor
> dude that walks into a store or professional building with a HT
strapped
> to his belt and everyone hears this garbage... embarrassing to say the
> least. ken w8ob

Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 17:02:09 -0500
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: nkennedy@tcainternet.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126163] Re: Plea!--I've gone power mad!!
Message-ID: <3CD5ABE1.435366C1@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Nick, don't you remember that question on the Class A exam as to the cause
of and correction for "downward modulation?"

73/72/oo, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!
QRP-L 1373 NETXQRP 6 SOC 262 COG 8 FPQRP 404 TEN-X 11771 I-LINK 11735
Icom IC-756PRO #02121 Kachina 505 DSP #91900556 Icom IC-765 #02437

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Date: Sun, 05 May 2002 22:02:25 +0100
From: "Rich Dailey, KA8OKH" <okh.npi@gte.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [126164] re: ten tec 1340 - sold
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.1.20020505220109.00bc4d10@mail.gte.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Many responses. It has found a good home - thanks.

Rich

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 17:56:28 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>
To: "Pigs" <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [126165] Dayton/FDIM - Stuff to bring
Message-ID: <000f01c1f488\$17d94890\$2b372bd1@bmurrey2K>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Based on my first visit to Dayton and FDIM last year, even though I've been licensed for close to 15 years, I submit the following list of items you should think about bringing with you.

1. If you're coming to get a boatanchor, bring one of those flip down data carts or a two wheeler with ropes/straps/etc to haul it out.

2. I found my Nike daypack to be an awesome tool. It carried all my small purchases, all my free stuff, my first aid kit, my toilet paper, my spare socks, and my emergency rain poncho. It's Dayton. It will rain. No one knows when.

3. FDI Mers, bring a QSL card to post on your hotel door. That way other QRPer's can locate you.

4. The flea market guys tend to want to deal in CASH.

5. Limit yourself to no more than 6 or 7 bratwurst per day.

6. Deals start getting REAL interesting in the rain....prices plummet...be prepared, be dryer than the guy selling you stuff.

7. Don't miss the MECI tent if you need PCB. Last year they had some 24 by 30 inch sheets of double sided copper clad for \$3 a sheet.

8. Use the shuttle bus if there is any chance of rain. The grassy parking areas turn into quicksand and the tow trucks circle like buzzards.

9. This is not the place to break in a new pair of shoes. Bring already comfy shoes.

I'm sure there are others that I have overlooked.

73 de KB9BVN

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 17:57:47 -0500
From: "Mike Duke, K5XU" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126166] Microphone FS
Message-ID: <004101c1f488\$648a4f40\$bec194d0@k5xu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This mic has no identifying model or factory sticker, but I believe it is an Electrovoice model from the mid 60s.

It is brownish gray in color, and has the ptt switch mounted in the neck, facing the operator. There's also a plate across the front top of the base where the switch could be re-located. It has a coiled cord with a 2 pin Heath Kit type connector attached.

Make offer including shipping from Mississippi.

Mike Duke, K5XU
American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 17:50:16 -0500
From: "Mike Duke, K5XU" <k5xu@netdoor.com>
To: "qrp list" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126167] FS Heath HD-1410 Keyer
Message-ID: <004001c1f488\$63ca0c80\$bec194d0@k5xu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This unit is in reasonable condition, probably a good 7, but has no assembly or operating manual.

For those who wonder what it is, it's a mid 70's model keyer with built-in AC supply and paddles, but no memory.

Make offer including shipping from Mississippi.

Mike Duke, K5XU
American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs

Date: Sun, 5 May 2002 18:54:37 -0400
From: "KU4YP" <ku4yp@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [126168] Some do not care how fast you are
Message-ID: <016e01c1f487\$d68b4be0\$321ed443@ku4yp>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

in light of recent posts here,

i would like to share a contact i had about 2200z here. no big deal, florida to texas on 20m. i found a small corner of 20 meters where i could call my slow cq. i have not made a cw contact in well over a year, and was slow, to say the least. coming back to about the 2nd call was wa5tmu, jack in tyler, texas. jack slowed his speed down and we had a very nice chat. as the qso went on my copy and send speed seemed to get faster. i am sure with more practice, i will be back again to around the 13 wpm copy i once had. and yes, 5 watts on my end to that low g5rv i use.

point being? there are still hams who will help a rusty soul out and not gripe. because after our qso, i stayed on freq and heard ole jack fire up the 20 wpm fist again. some people just have class.

73 de KU4YP "There is no spoon....."
Mike Prevatt
Willow Oak, Florida
Amateur Radio Operator
Active HF/VHF/UHF/Digital/QRP
Homepage: <http://home.earthlink.net/~ku4yp>

End of QRP-L Digest 2546

